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# MUSIC

# **EXAMINATION GUIDELINES**

**GRADE 12** 

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) for Music outlines the nature and purpose of the subject Music. This guides the philosophy underlying the teaching and assessment of the subject in Grade 12.

The purpose of these Examination Guidelines is to:

- Provide clarity on the depth and scope of the content to be assessed in the Grade 12 National Senior Certificate Examination in Music.
- Assist teachers to adequately prepare learners for the examinations.

This document deals with the final Grade 12 external examinations. It does not deal in any depth with the School Based Assessment, Performance Assessment Tasks or final external practical examinations as these are clarified in a separate PAT document which is updated annually.

This guideline should be read in conjunction with:

- National Curriculum Statement (NCS) Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS): Music
- National Protocol of Assessment: An addendum to the policy document, the National Senior Certificate: A qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), regarding the National Protocol for Assessment (Grades R–12)
- National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement, Grades R–12

#### 2. ASSESSMENT IN GRADE 12

#### 2.1 FORMAT OF THE MUSIC PAPERS

#### MUSIC PAPER 1 – SECTIONS A, B, C, D AND E (120 MARKS)

- The duration of the paper is three hours. Approximately one and a half hours should be devoted to Section A (**Topic 2** Music Literacy) and approximately one and a half hours should be devoted to Sections B, and C or D or E (**Topic 3** General Music Knowledge)
- Candidates are not allowed access to a musical instrument during the examination.

#### SECTION A: 60 MARKS (Music Literacy)

#### Question 1: Theory of Music (20 marks)

- Questions on the Theory of Music will be based on a variety of musical scores. Short questions not related to the score may also be asked.
- The following aspects will be covered:
  - Time signatures and rhythm
  - Scales and modes
  - Key signatures
  - Intervals
  - Transposition and transcription
  - Terminology
  - Compositional techniques

#### Question 2: Composition (15 marks)

- Candidates will be required to complete a 12-bar melody in ABA-form for voice or melodic instrument, using a given opening motive, in any (major or minor) key.
- Dynamic and articulation articulations must be indicated correctly in the score.
- Adding a simple bass line or chords will not be required in this paper. (This should be incorporated in the PATs.)

#### Question 3: Harmony (25 marks)

- Question 3.1 Analysis (10 marks): Questions on harmonic analysis will be based on a variety of musical scores.
- The following aspects will be covered:
  - Key
  - Chords and chord progressions
  - Cadences
  - Non-harmonic notes
  - Compositional technique
- Question 3.2 Harmonisation (15 marks): Candidates will be required to harmonise a given melody by adding three vocal parts OR complete an instrumental piece of which the melodic line is given.
- All answers must be accompanied by appropriate figuring of the chords (Roman numerals for four-part harmony (WAM or IAM) and chord symbols for instrumental answers (JAZZ or IAM.)

#### SECTION B: 20 MARKS (General Music Knowledge)

#### Question 4: Compulsory Short Questions (20 marks)

- Candidates will be required to answer short questions on general aspects of music studied in Grade 10–12:
  - Elements of music: timbre, pitch (melody, harmony, tonality), duration (metre, rhythm, tempo) dynamics, texture, form, mood and atmosphere
  - Style: Western Art Music, Jazz, Indigenous African Music
  - Instruments and instrument classification
  - Form analysis: AB, ABA (Minuet and Trio), AABA, basic forms of African music
  - South African Music Industry

#### **SECTION C: Western Art Music (40 MARKS)**

- The following important aspects should be noted:
  - Definitions of all genres (Symphonic and Operatic)
  - The development of instruments in relation to the symphony
  - Summary of the historic development of the opera
  - Content as given in the CAPS.

#### • Scope of prescribed works:

# Symphony No. 6 in F, Op. 68 by L van Beethoven All movements Basic analysis of: First movement: Happy feeling on arriving in the country Fourth movement: Thunder Storm Fifth movement: Shepherd's Song Symphonic Poem: Fingal's Cave (Hebrides Overture Op. 26) by F Mendelssohn Entire work Opera: The Magic Flute, K 620 by Mozart **Overture** Act 1 Aria: Der Vogelfänger bin ich ja Aria: Dies Bildnis ist bezaubernd sehön Duet: Bei Männern welche Liebe Fühlen Chorus: Es lebe Sarastro, Sarastro lebe! Act 2 Aria: O Isis und Osiris Aria: Der Hölle Rache kocht in meinem Herzen Aria: In diesen heil'gen Hallen Aria: Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen Duet: Pa-, pa-, pa-

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#### **Question 5: Short questions (10 marks)**

- Symphony and Symphonic Poem
- Opera
- Form analysis (prescribed works, e.g. sonata form)
- Origins & Development of Orchestra and instrumentation

#### Question 6 – 8: Paragraphs/Comparisons/Brief notes, etc. (15 marks)

- Symphony and symphonic poem
- Opera
- Form analysis
- Origins & Development of Orchestra and instrumentation

#### Question 9: Essay (15 marks)

- Symphony and symphonic poem
- Opera
- Form analysis
- Origins & Development of Orchestra and instrumentation

#### OR

#### SECTION D: JAZZ (40 marks)

- The following important aspects should be noted:
  - Definitions, elements and characteristics of all genres
  - Short biography of composers, artists or groups
  - Content as given in the CAPS

#### Recommended works:

#### Marabi and Marabi female groups

- The Jazz Maniacs: Gully Low Blues
- The Merry Blackbirds: Manhattan Brothers with Merry Blackbirds' Orchestra: Pesheya' Kwezo Ntaba
- The Manhattan Brothers: Jikela Emaweni, Pesheya' Kwezo Ntaba
- The Flying Jazz Queens: Langa More, Siyahamba
- Mahotella Queens: Marena
- The Dark City Sisters: Bina O Kara-Kara, Mahutsana

#### Kwela

- Spokes Mashiyane: Phata Phata, Banana Ba Rustenburg
- Lemmy Mabaso: See you later, Little Lemmy
- Elias Lerole: Mafeking

#### Mbhaqanga

- Makgonatsohle Band: Umjomela
- Cool Crooners: Bulugwe Iami
- Soul Brothers: Wamuhle
- Miriam Makeba: Pata Pata

_	Jazz
-	The Jazz Epistles: Vary-oo-vum
-	Philip Tabane: <i>Khoedi</i> ("The Moon")
-	Todd Matshikiza: Tshona
-	Gideon Nxumalo: Chopi Chopsticks: Split Soul
Early	Jazz singers
-	Miriam Makeba: Pata Pata, Lakutshonilanga
-	Dolly Rathebe: Meadowlands
-	Thandi Klaasen: Sophiatown
Jazz	in exile
-	The Blue Notes: Here I am
-	Brotherhood of Breath: Mra, Country Cooking
-	The Union of South Africa includes Hugh Masekela Dyambo, Shebeen
	(Chisa records)
Jazz	athome
-	Spirits Rejoice: Joy, I'm so strong now
-	Sakhile: Sakhile, Isililo
-	ZimNqawana: eBhofolo
Cape	jazz
-	Dollar Brand (Abdullah Ibrahim): Mannenberg, Soweto is where it's at;
	Tsakwe (Royal Blue)
-	Robbie Jansen: Hoija Tjie Bonga, Tsakwe, Sommer Ghoema
-	Winston Mankunku Ngozi: Abantwana be Afrika, Crossroads
Rece	nt years
-	Feya Faku: The Colours They Bring, Mr Ibrahim
-	Moses Molelekwa: Ntate moholo, Genes and Spirits
-	Voice: Sinivile (We heard you), Sweet Anathi: Blues for Green

# Question 10: Short questions (10 marks)

- All styles and genres as mentioned in CAPS

#### Question 11 – 13: Paragraphs/Comparisons/Brief notes, etc. (15 marks)

- All styles and genres as mentioned in CAPS

# Question 14: Essay (15 marks)

- All styles and genres as mentioned in CAPS

OR

#### **SECTION E: Indigenous African Music (40 marks)**

#### • The following important aspects should be noted:

- Research history of modern IAM
- Definitions, elements and characteristics of all genres
- Short biography of composers, artists or performers
- Content as given in the CAPS
- TOPICS
  - A. Migrant Labour System [MLS]
  - B. Development of African Jazz in relation to International trends
  - C. Timelines
- Recommended works:

#### Afro Soul

- Jabu Khanyile [Mbombela]: The train from Mozambique
- Hugh Masekela [Stimela] The train
- Mirriam Makeba: Ngoma kurila

#### Mbaqanga

- Simon 'Mahlathini' and the Mahotella Queens: *Melodi yalla* and *Sithunyiwe*
- Makgonatsohle Band: Umjomela
- Cool Crooners: Bulugwe lami
- Soul Brothers: Wamuhle
- Miriam Makeba: *Ngoma Kurila*
- Dolly Rathebe: Tihapi Ke Noga

#### Maskandi

- iHashi elimhlophe: *Nkiyankiya* and Phezekhemisi: *Phezekhemisi-Imbizo* 

#### Isicathamiya

Ladysmith Black Mambazo: Homeless and Unomathemba

#### Malombo jazz

Phillip Tabane: Ngwana wa lela and Malombo and Phamba Madiba (White river)

#### Free Kiba

Sello Galane: Pula and Fegolla Saborala

#### Question 15: Short questions (10 marks)

- All styles and genres as mentioned in CAPS

#### Question 16 – 18: Paragraphs (15 marks)

- All styles and genres as mentioned in CAPS

#### Question 19: Essay (15 marks)

- All styles and genres as mentioned in CAPS

# MUSIC PAPER 2 (MUSIC COMPREHENSION) – SECTIONS A, B AND C (30 MARKS)

- The duration of the paper is one and a half hours.
- In Paper 2 all candidates will be expected to respond to music from a variety of styles and traditions.
- This paper will be written whilst listening to soundtracks on an official examination CD.
- Every Grade 12 examination centre will be provided with an audio CD, which must be played to the candidates during the final examination.
- If a schools offers more than one stream (WAM, Jazz, IAM), the following guidelines should be followed:
  - Each stream/choice should be written in a separate venue.
  - Each venue should be equipped with suitable sound equipment.
  - Each venue should have its own CD (Department should be informed of the required CDs in time.)
  - An invigilator should be present in every venue.
- The CD must be tested by the chief invigilator at least one week before the examination takes place. It should be tested on the same equipment to be used during the examination.
- The music teacher may not be present during the testing of the CD.
- During the examination, the music teacher must play the tracks the required number of time according to the instructions in the paper. Enough time between questions must be allowed for the candidates in order to complete their answers.
- All skills and application of knowledge acquired in Grades 10 and 11 will be assessed alongside the new knowledge acquired in Grade 12.

# SECTION A: AURAL RECOGNITION (10 marks)

#### The following type of questions will be asked

- Rhythmic dictation
- Rhythmic and melodic dictation
- Recognition of intervals, scales, non-harmonic notes, chords, cadences, compositional techniques

# **SECTION B: Recognition (12 marks)**

Question 4, 5 and 6: Choice questions

# (There will be choice questions for the WAM, JAZZ and IAM streams)

- Questions will be asked on genres, style periods, instruments and voices
- Every candidate should listen to a variety of musical examples that covers the basic knowledge of Grade 10 and 11, the prescribed genres/musical styles/composers/artists, musical forms, style characteristics, instruments, etc.

#### **SECTION C: FORM (8 marks)**

#### Question 7: Form analysis

- Questions will be asked on the following form structures:
  - Binary form (AB)
  - Ternary form (ABA)
  - · AABA
  - Twelve bar Blues
  - Verse and Chorus form
  - Basic African forms: Call and Response, Solo songs, Mixed structural forms
- A music score will be provided in the examination. Candidates must be able to indicate the main sections, keys, cadences, and compositional techniques on the score. Other form related questions requiring a written response, may also be asked.

The following four tables provide an overview of the assessment of music as a subject:

Торіс	Maximum Marks
Practical examination	
Topic 1: (Music Performance and Improvisation)	150
Written examination	
Topic 2 and Topic 3Paper 1 (Music Literacy and General music knowledge and Analysis)Paper 2 (Topic 2 and Topic 3) (Music Comprehension)	120 30
TOTAL MARK	300

#### **Practical Examination**

Comparable to a minimum Grade 5 of external examining bodies (Royal Schools (ABRSM), Unisa, Trinity College (Guildhall)	Maximum Marks
Technical development	20
Performance pieces	4X25 =100
Sight reading	15
Aural tests	15
TOTAL	150

# Written Examination: PAPER 1 (3 hours)

Music Literacy		
Section A	Music theory (Music Literacy)	20
	Composition	15
	Harmony: Analysis	10
	Harmonisation	15
	TOTAL	60
General Knowledge and Analysis		
Section B	Elements of Music	20
(Short questions)	Style	
Compulsory for all candidates	Instruments	
	Form	
Section C	Short questions	10
WAM	Paragraphs/Comparisons/Brief	15
	notes, etc.	
	Essay	15
		40
	OR	
Section D	Short questions	10
JAZZ	Paragraphs/Comparisons/Brief	15
	notes, etc.	
	Essay	15
	OR	
Section E	Short questions	10
IAM	Paragraphs/Comparisons/Brief	15
	notes, etc.	
	Essay	15
		40
	TOTAL (Section B and C or D	60
	or E)	
TOTAL OF PAPER		120

# Music Comprehension: PAPER 2 (1½ hours)

Section A	Aural Recognition, cadences, intervals, chords, time signatures, non- harmonic notes, scales, compositional techniques Written dictation: rhythmic and melodic	10
Section B Compulsory questions to be asked on the basic knowledge of the Grade 11 WAM, JAZZ and IAM content (4 marks) There will be choice questions for the WAM, JAZZ and IAM streams) (8 marks	5	12
Section C	Form and analysis (Refer to page 15 of the CAPS document for form structures to be studied by all candidates)	8
TOTAL		30

# 2.2 PERFORMANCE/PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

#### 2.2.1 ORGANISATION

- The final practical examination is assessed by a panel of at least two examiners, consisting of a moderator (subject advisor) and one instrumental specialist (teacher).
- No student may be examined by a teacher of his school (also external instrumental teacher), but may be accompanied for their practical performance by the teacher.
- These assessments take place from August to the end of October of any year.
- A timetable is set up in consultation with the school (Head of Music) and the Provincial Department (Provincial co-ordinator).
- An attendance register must be signed by all candidates on the day of the examination.
- All aspects of the examination are assessed during a session of approximately 30–40 minutes per candidate.
- The examination venue need not be on the school premises but must be suitably equipped and silence must be maintained around the venue.
- Candidates must be dressed in their school uniform.
- All documentation, e.g. exam forms, scale lists, aural tests and sight reading samples will be provided by the Provincial Department.

#### 2.2.2 CONDUCT DURING THE EXAMINATION

- Examiners and candidates must arrive at the examination centre at least 30 minutes before the starting time to ensure that everything is ready.
- Candidates must provide a copy of an official (UNISA, ABRSM or Trinity Guildhall) scale list (not handwritten) for the scales and technical work.
- Candidates must provide the original and two copies of all the pieces that they are performing.
- Candidates must provide a copy of their ID on entering the exam venue.

#### 2.2.3 STANDARD OF THE EXAMINATION

- All chosen pieces must be of at least Grade 5 standard (comparable with the standards set by UNISA, ABRSM or Trinity Guildhall). This is a minimum standard. Teachers must make sure that the standard of the chosen repertoire is at the minimum standard. Any uncertainties about the required standard should be followed up with Provincial Subject Advisor at the beginning of the Grade 12 year. Presenting pieces below this standard will result in proportional penalisation calculated as follows:
  - Grade IV: Mark × 4/5
  - Grade III: Mark × 3/5
  - Grade II: Mark × 2/5
  - Grade I: Mark × 1/5
- The minimum standard of the technical work for WAM and JAZZ must be at least Grade 5 (UNISA, ABRSM or Trinity Guildhall). If a candidate chooses to do technical work of a higher standard (Grades 6 8), the complete list of the particular grade must be presented, i.e. candidates may not mix and match their own list.
- If a candidate plays more than one instrument she/he may choose on which instrument they would like to do the technical work.
- Candidates offering African indigenous instruments must present either one or two studies on their main instrument OR they may choose to do two studies on two different instruments.
- Candidates offering voice may present technical exercises (e.g. Unisa, Trinity Grades 5-8) or two vocal studies (vaccai).
- Candidates will do a sight-reading test in the examination which will be at a Grade 5 level (UNISA, ABRSM or Trinity Guildhall) for WAM and JAZZ and a comparable level for IAM.

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- Aural tests will be provided by the Provincial Department and will include three different tests: sight singing, clapping a rhythm and singing of triads.
- Sample assessments follow on the next page.

#### 2.3 TAXONOMY

Varying cognitive levels will be reflected in all written papers to the following ratios.

30%	Low-level questions (Levels 1 & 2)	
40%	Medium-level questions (Levels 3 & 4)	
30%	High-level questions (Levels 5 & 6)	

The table below gives an indication of the different levels at which questions can be set.

Knowledge	Compre- hension	Application	Analysis	Evaluation	Creation
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
<ul> <li>Define</li> <li>Describe</li> <li>Find</li> <li>Identify</li> <li>List</li> <li>Listen</li> <li>Match</li> <li>Name</li> <li>Notate</li> <li>Recognise</li> <li>Select</li> <li>State</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Classify</li> <li>Demonstrate</li> <li>Describe</li> <li>Discuss</li> <li>Do</li> <li>Explain</li> <li>Give examples</li> <li>Illustrate</li> <li>Indicate</li> <li>Outline</li> <li>Summarise</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Apply</li> <li>Change</li> <li>Choose</li> <li>Compare</li> <li>Complete</li> <li>Construct</li> <li>Contrast</li> <li>Determine</li> <li>Figuring of chords</li> <li>Notate</li> <li>Order</li> <li>Show</li> <li>Use</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Analyse</li> <li>Classify</li> <li>Compare</li> <li>Critique</li> <li>Discriminat e</li> <li>Distinguish</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Explain</li> <li>Figure chords</li> <li>Infer</li> <li>Interpret</li> <li>Select</li> <li>Separate</li> <li>Study</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assess</li> <li>Convince</li> <li>Debate</li> <li>Examine</li> <li>Find errors</li> <li>Judge</li> <li>Recomme nd</li> </ul>

**NOTE:** The level of difficulty of questions will not be determined by the verb used – rather by the context of question/content asked.

Level 1

• List	To state in the briefest form, e.g. List two Maskandi artists/performers
Name	To label something, e.g. <i>Name the composer of the</i> Pastoral Symphony
Identify	To single out an item hidden among other information, e.g. <i>Identify the type of non-chordal note</i>
Describe	To give a brief account of something, e.g. Describe the instruments used in a performance of Pata Pata by Miriam Makeba
Define	To give the exact meaning of a term or concept, e.g. <i>Define an</i> overture

# Level 2

Explain	To make something clear, e.g. <i>Explain what maskandi is in your own words</i>
Summarise	To provide a shortened version of essential facts, e.g. <i>Write a</i> short summary of the story line of the Magic Flute
Outline	To provide the bare essentials, e.g. <i>Give an outline of the history</i> of Cape Jazz
• Do	To follow an instruction, e.g. <i>Write the major scale which has four sharps</i>

# Level 3

Compare/ Contrast	To show how concepts/styles/works are alike or different, e.g. Compare the style characteristics of Abdullah Ibrahim with that of Robbie Jansen	
• Use	To utilize information in order to clarify meaning, e.g. Use the following list of elements to write a paragraph on the style characteristics of Mozart	
Apply	To make use of knowledge and understanding to clarify, e.g. <i>Rewrite the following melody in the relative minor key</i>	

# Level 4

Discriminate	To tell the difference between concepts, e.g. Show the difference between the exposition and recapitulation in the sonata
Distinguish	To identify the characteristics which indicate difference, e.g. <i>What</i> is the difference between a programme symphony and a symphonic poem?
Critique	To give an opinion on solid factual grounds, e.g. <i>How do the characteristics of African jazz manifest in this piece?</i>
Analyse	To break down into constituent parts in order to be able to understand, e.g. <i>Analyse the form of the following song/aria</i>
Figure chords	To describe chords and progression, e.g. <i>Provide figuring for the chords in bars 5 and 6 by writing the key, chord and inversion (position)</i>

#### Level 5

Assess	Make a statement on the quality, e.g. Assess the stylistic accuracy of the following jazz solo
Examine	To make an in-depth study of a certain aspect, e.g. How does the texture of this composition vary between bars 12 and 20
Debate	To write about something from more than one perspective, e.g. Debate in your own words if Beethoven can be considered a Classical or Romantic composer

#### Level 6

Compose	To create new music, e.g. Compose a melody using the given opening
Harmonisation	To harmonize or write an accompaniment for a given melody, e.g. <i>Write an accompaniment for the following piano melody</i>
Opinion	To give a substantiated view of a work or performance, e.g. <i>Give two reasons why you regard this performance as aesthetically pleasing or not.</i>

#### 3. PRIOR KNOWLEDGE – GRADES 10 & 11

#### 3.1 Practical (Topic 1)

As far as the practical component of Music is concerned, candidates must have had continuous individual lessons on their chosen instrument or (voice) from Grade 8. Candidates should be at a Grade 4 (Royal Schools (ABRSM), Unisa, Trinity College (Guildhall)) level at the end of the Grade 11 year. Some candidates may well progress further than the Grade 4 level, which should be encouraged, but is not required due to varying circumstances.

The prior knowledge acquired and skills developed up to Grade 11, are absolutely essential for the successful presentation of music as a subject in Grade 12.

Candidates cannot start with Music as a subject in Grade 12 unless they have acquired the required practical performance skills.

#### 3.2 Written Examination: Paper 1 (Topic 2 and Topic 3)

Candidates may not have access to any musical instrument for the duration of the examination

**Music Literacy** (Topic 2), by its very nature, is accumulative of the study over three years (Grades 10, 11 and 12). Therefore, the content of the Music Literacy section of the paper will include aspects covered in Grades 10 and 11.

**General Music and Analysis** (Topic 3) is more self-contained in all three streams (WAM, JAZZ, IAM) and questions will therefore be asked mainly from the Grade 12 content. It is important however that candidates have a general knowledge of the basic elements of music, styles of music, instruments and form. Short questions, compulsory for all candidates, weighted to a maximum of 20 marks will be included in this paper.

#### 3.3 Music Comprehension: Paper 2

All skills and application of knowledge acquired in Grades 10 and 11 will be assessed alongside the new knowledge acquired in Grade 12. This will ensure that candidates have an overview of the entire General Music Knowledge **Curriculum** from Grade 10 to 12.

#### 4. QUALITY OF CONTENT, THE USE OF LANGUAGE AND PRESENTATION

Music Literacy questions containing music notation must be answered in pencil and all other questions in blue or black ink.

Answers to the General Music and Analysis questions should present relevant information in full sentences with correct spelling, punctuation and grammar. Bullet form should only be used when specifically requested. Answers presented in paragraph format must be coherent and logical. Essay-type questions must include an introductory paragraph, body (containing one or more paragraphs) and a concluding paragraph. Marks will be awarded for the correct use of essay format: e.g. introduction and conclusion.

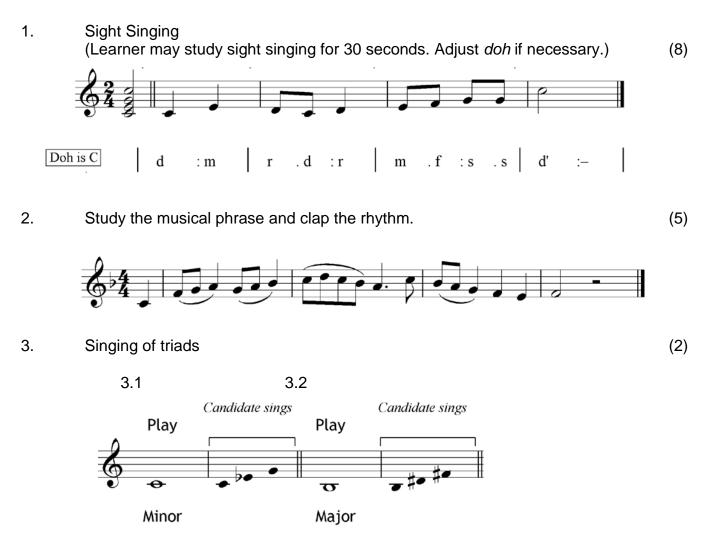
General Music Knowledge questions will mostly refer to the elements of music: timbre (tone colour), pitch (melody, harmony, and tonality), duration (metre, rhythm, and tempo), dynamics (loudness), texture (density), form (structure), instrumentation, mood and atmosphere. Learners must have a general knowledge of musical terms, instruments, style periods and composers from the Grade 10 and 11 syllabus.

Questions in the Music Comprehension paper containing notation must also be written in pencil and must be clear and unambiguous. Where form analysis is done, the conventions of form analysis must be followed, e.g. sections indicated above the score, key and chords below the score and compositional techniques in the score. Short questions must be answered in full sentences unless otherwise instructed.

# SAMPLE: AURAL ASSESSMENT

# **AURAL COMPONENT (15)**

# **QUESTION PAPER FOR EXAMINER**



TOTAL: 15

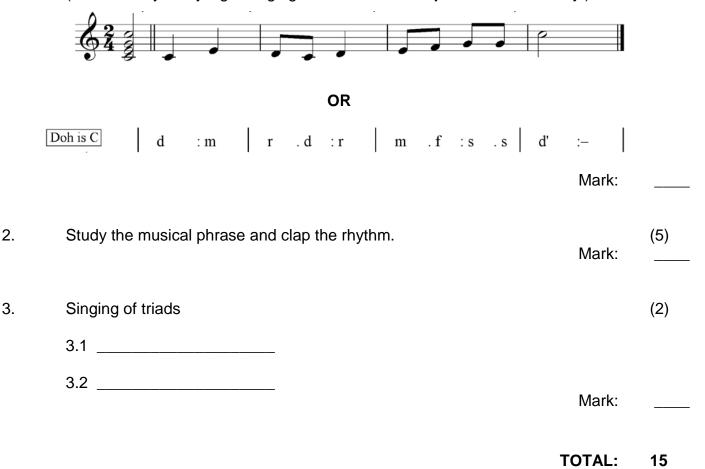
# SAMPLE: AURAL ASSESSMENT

# AURAL COMPONENT (15)

# ANSWER SHEET FOR CANDIDATE

#### 1. Sight-singing

(Learner may study sight singing for 30 seconds. Adjust *doh* if necessary.)



### PERFORMANCE PIECES

- Each candidate must present four pieces of varying styles, tempos and characters.
- At least one of the pieces must be an ensemble. For the purposes of this examination an ensemble must consist of 2 8 persons. Each performer must play an independent part which must not be doubled by any other performer's part.
- If an adult or teacher performs with the candidate, at least one other learner must be part of the ensemble.
- Ensemble works played by more than two Grade 12 candidates must be played as many times as deemed necessary by the examiner.
- Improvisation may form part of any of the pieces, but a lead sheet must be provided for the examiner's convenience.
- Candidates who present pieces at a higher standard than the required minimum (Grade 5), will be assessed at the level of the specific standard. They will therefore not be advantaged unless they perform the pieces with technical competence, accurate characterization and stylistic insight. This means that the candidate who presents pieces at a higher level, but plays them inadequately will be assessed in the same way as a candidate who plays Grade 5 pieces inadequately.

#### GENERAL

- The music teacher of the school or the instrumental teacher may attend the examination as an observer, but may not discuss or know the marks.
- No marks may be divulged to the teacher, instrumental teacher or the parent. All practical marks must be treated with strict confidentiality like all written papers in all subjects.

#### Examination Guidelines

#### 5. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

SCALES AND ARPEGGIO'S/VOCAL

EXERCISES/RUDIMENTS

The assessment criteria for technical work, sight reading and performance pieces are provided below.

#### 5.1 TECHNICAL WORK

	<b>TECHNICAL WORK</b> 10x2 = 20		
(2 MARKS EACH)	<ul> <li>Fast tempo, fluent, accurate and even with a competent technical facility</li> <li>High quality of tone and secure</li> </ul>		
Scales and Arpeggios	intonation Prompt response		
1.         2.         3.         4.	<ul> <li>Fair tempo, technically secure with occasional errors resulting from stress</li> <li>Quality of tone and intonation mostly reliable</li> <li>Generally prompt responses</li> </ul>		
5.         6.         7.         8.	<ol> <li>Mostly fluent but some unevenness of technique and tempi</li> <li>Some degree of variety in quality of tone and intonation</li> <li>Hesitant and uncertain responses with occasional restarts</li> </ol>		
9 10 TOTAL	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Limited knowledge of the structure with frequent errors in notes and technically incompetent Poor tone quality and intonation Frequent restarts and little concept of key		
<b>20</b> The above may be adjusted according to the	0 No sense of fluency Many serious errors		

The above may be adjusted according to the <u>No sense of structure</u> specific requirements of the instrument. Vocal exercises may be asked on various suitable pitches.

AFRICAN INSTRUMENTS/VOCAL STUDIES				
	MAXIMUM MARK	MARK AWARDED		
STUDY 1	10			
STUDY 2	10			
TOTAL	20			

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA OF TECHNICAL WORK

# 5.2 SIGHT-READING

### ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR SIGHT READING

Total marks out of 15

Style & interpretation 5	Accuracy 5	Fluency 5	
(5) EXCELLENT	(5) EXCELLENT	(5) EXCELLENT	
Musically persuasive, convincing shaping of phrases, artful articulation and dynamics	Accurate reading of notes, rests, phrasing, articulation and dynamics	Consistent and suitable tempo Fluent performance	
(4) GOOD	(4) GOOD	(4) GOOD	
Some understanding of phrasing, articulation and dynamics	Mostly accurate reading of notes, rests, phrasing, articulation and dynamics	Tempo largely maintained	
(3) ACCEPTABLE	(3) ACCEPTABLE	(2) ACCEPTABLE	
Satisfactory control of some aspects of musical style	Acceptable level of accuracy in reading of notes, rests, phrasing, articulation and dynamics	Acceptable tempo, although somewhat slow Fluency acceptable	
(2) WEAK	(2) WEAK	(2) WEAK	
Little attention to details of musical interpretation	Mostly inaccurate reading	Inconsistent tempo, far too slow	
		Fluency flawed	
(0-1) UNACCEPTABLE	(0-1) UNACCEPTABLE	(0-1) UNACCEPTABLE	
No attention to musical	Performance abandoned or	Static tempo	
detail	curtailed	No fluency	

### 5.3 **PERFORMANCE PIECES**

### ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR PREPARED PIECES AND ENSEMBLE

# 100 marks for each piece $\div$ 4 = 25 marks per piece = 100 marks

Fluency	Accuracy	Stylistic sense	Musical understanding	General
10	10	30	20	30
(9-10) EXCELLENT Accurate, fluent and precise playing	(9-10) EXCELLENT Authoritative accurate playing	(27 -30) EXCELLENT Clear understanding of the required style	(18-20) EXCELLENT Excellent projection and communication of the meaning of the music	(27 -30) EXCELLENT Excellent tone production, touch, intonation, technical competence and suitable tempo
(7-8) GOOD Mainly accurate and fluent playing	(7-8) GOOD A good level of accuracy	(21–26) GOOD Good sense of performance in appropriate style	(14-17) GOOD Good understanding and communication of the meaning of the music	(21 – 26) GOOD Good tone production, touch, intonation, technical competence and tempo
(5-6) ACCEPTABLE Essentially accurate with adequate fluency	(5-6) ACCEPTABLE Generally accurate playing	(15-20) ACCEPTABLE A fair sense of the required style	(10-13) ACCEPTABLE Partially successful in communicating the meaning of the music	(15-20) ACCEPTABLE Fair tone production, touch, intonation, technical competence and tempo
(3-4) PASSABLE Tentative tempo, pulse often not clear, frequent hesitations	(3-4) PASSABLE Limited level of accuracy	(9-14) PASSABLE Performance shaky and lacking a sense of style	(6-9) PASSABLE Little sense of musical understanding	(9-14) PASSABLE Some idea of tone production, touch, intonation, technical competence and tempo
(1-2) WEAK Very poor continuity with frequent stumbles, restarts and/or stoppages	(1-2) WEAK Very little accuracy, many errors	(6-8) WEAK Style just vaguely discernible	(2-5) <b>WEAK</b> Lacking musical sense	(6-8) WEAK Lacking tone production, touch, intonation, technical competence and tempo
(0) UNACCEPTABLE Cannot play the piece	(0) UNACCEPTABLE So inaccurate that the music cannot be followed	(0-5) UNACCEPTABLE Unacceptable with no sense of style	(0-1) UNACCEPTABLE Unable to communicate the meaning of the music	(0 - 5) UNACCEPTABLE No sense of tone production, touch, intonation, technical competence and tempo

#### 6. CONCLUSION

It is envisaged that this Examination Guidelines document will serve as an instrument to strengthen and empower teachers to set valid and reliable assessment items in all their classroom activities.

This Examination Guidelines document is meant to articulate the assessment aspirations espoused in the CAPS document. It is therefore not a substitute for the CAPS document which teachers should teach to.

Qualitative curriculum coverage as enunciated in the CAPS cannot be over-emphasised.

The Grade 12 Exemplar Paper also serves as a guideline.