Assessment Schedule - 2021

Music: Demonstrate knowledge of conventions used in music scores (91094)

Assessment Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence		
Demonstrating knowledge of conventions involves:	Demonstrating in-depth knowledge of conventions involves:	Demonstrating comprehensive knowledge of conventions involves:		
identifying and describing musical elements and features	explaining musical elements and features	applying musical elements and features		
identifying and describing terms and signs and performance markings	explaining how terms and signs and performance markings are played	applying terms and signs and performance markings to music scores		
 identifying and describing aspects of pitch / tonality by naming (e.g.): 	explaining characteristics of pitch / tonality, by giving evidence of (e.g.):	applying knowledge of pitch / tonality by notation or analysis of (e.g.):		
- keys	- keys	- modulation		
- intervals (quantity only)	intervals (quality and quantity)Roman numerals for chords	- transposition / transcription		
identifying and describing other musical elements and features.	explaining the use of other musical elements and features.	applying knowledge through the analysis of the effect of other musical elements and features on the performance and sound of the music.		

Guidelines for applying the Assessment Schedule

"Top-down" marking

(With some exceptions) rather than specifying that a particular task offers an opportunity for the candidate to meet the standard at Achievement level only, or Merit level only, the tasks in the examination are designed to allow the candidate to meet the standard at any level of Achievement. Each response should therefore be marked from "top down" – that is, evidence for meeting the standard at Excellence should first be sought, then, if necessary, evidence for Merit, and then evidence for Achievement.

Qualitative Assessment

In the Evidence Statements, the steps up from Achievement \rightarrow Merit \rightarrow Excellence are intended to be qualitative, rather than quantitative – that is, rather than a higher grade requiring "more of the same" type of evidence as the grade(s) below, it should require demonstration of appreciably greater skill, as specified in the Assessment Criteria.

Cut Scores

Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence	
0 – 2	3 – 4	5 – 6	7 – 8	

Evidence

Task	Sample Evidence	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
(a)	Structure / form Chorus (given) Bars 1–4 (first and second chorus) Bars 25–28 (third chorus) The same melody and lyrics are repeated	Identifies THREE sections in the correct place including bar numbers.	Identifies THREE sections in the correct place including bar numbers AND	
	three times in the piece suggesting that it is the chorus. Verse Bars 5–12 (first and second verse) The double bar line indicates a new section, and the two lines of lyrics imply verse 1 and verse 2. Prechorus (given) Bars 13–16 (given) The melody and lyrics are different to the previous chorus and verse sections. The end repeat bar line indicates that this section returns to the chorus.		Explains how TWO sections are identified using basic features, e.g. double bar lines, multiple lyric lines, chorus after pre-chorus.	Explains how THREE sections are identified by analysing the score, e.g. commenting on the similarities and differences between lyrics and melody.
	Bridge Bars 17–24 This new section following the double bar line of the second verse is likely to be the bridge because the chorus has occurred two times, and it is in the second half of the piece. The rhythm begins with longer note durations than the rest of the piece indicating a bridge. Other responses possible.			
(b) (i)	Intervals (1) G (2) B Voice o nga i - wi mā - tou rā	Notates the pitch of ONE missing note correctly AND	Notates the pitch of BOTH missing notes correctly AND	Notates both missing notes with correct pitch and duration AND
(ii)	(1) perfect 4th (2) major 6th (3) major 2nd	Identifies ONE interval correctly.	Identifies TWO intervals correctly.	Identifies all three intervals correctly.

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(c)	Transposition See below	Transposes the melody up with accurate contour.	Transposes the melody up a 2nd with all pitches correct including correct key signature or accidentals	Transposes the music notes up a major 2nd including: • correct key signature • correct chord symbols. Allowance for ONE error pitch or duration.							
		Durations and performance markings must be correct.									
	There are:5 distinct pitches4 distinct chord symbols1 new key signature										
	a No ta-whi-ti, no ta-ta A - ha-koa no hea mai	No te whe - nu E koe Ka	F♯m - a o te A - tu A wha - whai to - nu mā								
(d)	Chord transcription	Transcribes:	Transcribes:	Transcribes:							
	See below	THREE triads in root position.	FOUR triads in root position with the correct root notes in bass clef	 FIVE triads in root position with the correct root notes in bass clef appropriate durations (as shown below). 							
	25 C G	D	Em	D							
	20 0										
	a No ta whi - ti, no ta - ta C G	no te whe - nu D	- a o te A - tu Em	- a ta - tou D							

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(e)	Musical features	Identifies	Explains how	Analyses the	
(i)	Staccato: Staccato in bars 47–48 tells the lead vocals to sing the words "pai", "whai" / "mai" shorter and more detached from the surrounding notes.	THREE musical features.	THREE of the music features inform the performer.	meaning of FOUR musical features with reference to the extract.	
	Staccato in bars 49–50 tells the guitarist to strum in a detached way with silence between strums.				
(ii)	Repetition: In bars 47–48, the vocalists all repeat the same melody three times but with different lyrics each time.				
(iii)	Syncopation: In bars 49–50, the guitarist plays on the off-beat or in a reggae style.				
(iv)	Vocal tenor clef: The vocal tenor clef in the backing vocals tells the performer to sing an octave lower than written.				
(v)	Slur: The slur in bars 48–49 tells the lead vocalist to sing all notes in one breath. Other responses possible.				
(f)	 In bars 41–44, the texture is thin / homophonic. There is a single vocal line, a guitar playing chords, and a drum set playing hi-hat on beats 2 and 4 only. The texture thickens in bars 45–48 with the addition of two more vocal lines. Halfway through the extract (bar 48), there are two beats of monophonic texture with just the lead vocalist singing. The texture returns to polyphonic in bar 49 and thickens with the introduction of a 	Identifies a change in the texture of the piece.	Explains how the texture changes in the extract with reference to instruments and bar numbers.	Analyses the use of texture throughout the entire extract.	
	 bass guitar. The texture is homophonic from bar 50 with the lead vocal returning to match the BVs. 				
	Other responses possible.				

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Task		Sample Evid	ence	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
(g)	Rhythm Bars 41–44 have a straight feel with the guitar chords and the lead vocals playing on the beat. Bars 45–48 continue this straight feel, but the lead vocal adds some syncopation. Bars 49–50 have a syncopated / off-beat feel with the guitar playing off-beat quavers, and the vocal line starting on an off-beat.		Describes the rhythm as simple / quadruple time OR describes a section of straight or syncopated rhythm.	Explains how the rhythm is straight OR syncopated.	Analyses the rhythmic feel of the extract by explaining how the instruments contribute to straight and syncopated rhythms.	
(h)	Chords		Identifies THREE	Identifies THREE		
		Jazz / rock chords	Roman numerals	jazz / rock chords.	jazz / rock chords with their correct Roman numeral	
	(1)	D Major	V		analysis.	
	(2)	E minor	vi			
	(3)	C Major	IV			

N1	N2	А3	A4	M5	М6	E7	E8
ONE opportunity (of 8) at any level.	FOUR (of 8) opportunities at any level.	FIVE (of 8) Achievement opportunities.	SIX (of 8) Achievement opportunities.	SIX (of 8) Merit opportunities.	SEVEN (of 8) Merit opportunities.	FIVE (of 7) Excellence opportunities.	SIX (of 7) Excellence opportunities.

N0 = No response; no relevant evidence.