

Chapter Nine

Musical performance assessment in school examinations

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The marking scheme

RHYTHMIC AND MELODIC PRECISION	
Confident performance, with excellent rhythmic and melodic precision	10
Accurate performance, with good rhythmic and melodic precision	9
Substantially correct performance of both rhythmic and melodic aspects	8
Generally correct performance with some rhythmic and / or melodic errors	7
Insecure performance with both rhythmic and melodic errors and imperfections	6
Poor and discontinuous performance with substantial rhythmic and melodic inaccuracies	5
PERFORMANCE AND MUSICAL INTERPRETATION	
Expressive performance, with full mastery of phrasing, articulation, dynamics and intonation; assured and flexible control of tempo.	10
Committed performance, with good mastery of phrasing, articulation, dynamics and intonation; sustained tempo	9
Pleasant performance, with only minor slips in phrasing, articulation, dynamics and/or intonation; suitable tempo	8
Generally correct performance, with partial mastery of phrasing, articulation, dynamics, intonation and tempo.	7
Poor performance presenting little phrasing and dynamics and some difficulties in articulation. Unstable intonation and/or tempo.	6
Inadequate performance with insufficient control of dynamics, articulation and tempo.	5
ORAL PRESENTATION AND RELEVANCE TO THE TOPIC	
The oral presentation describes the performed piece clearly and comprehensively, contextualizing it correctly; the candidate makes coherent and sophisticated interdisciplinary links which highlight the relevance of the performed piece to the topic.	10
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The oral presentation describes the performed piece clearly, contextualizing it correctly; one or two coherent references to other linked subjects are made by the candidate.	8
The oral presentation of the performed piece is clear but superficial; an attempt of contextualisation is made, as well as some weak references to linked topics.	7
The oral presentation of the performed piece is simple but sufficient; contextualization and reference to linked topics are poor or lacking.	6
The presentation is confused / superficial without contextualizing the performed piece in any way.	5