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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptions for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.








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We publish annotations in our mark schemes to help centres understand the annotations they may see on copies of scripts. Note that there may not be a direct correlation between the number of annotations on a script and the mark awarded. Similarly, the use of an annotation may not be an indication of the quality of the response.



The annotations listed below were available to examiners marking this component in this series.

Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	Omission
	Benefit of the doubt
	Incorrect point
	No benefit of doubt given
	Used to show that blank pages have been seen and any creditworthy material has been awarded
	Indicates a correct statement has been noted, but it depends on the total marks available in the mark scheme whether credit has been given
	Too vague

Question	Answer	Marks
1	Soprano	1
2	The melody is accompanied / harmonised / homophonic / not monophonic / there is an added bass line / (basso) continuo / more instruments join the accompaniment	1
3	Ascending sequence [1] Melisma [1]	2
4	Lines 15 and/or 17 are sung as a solo / are monophonic [1]. Line 16 is a repetition of line 15 [1] but is now harmonised [1]. Line 18 is a new answering phrase (in harmony) [1]. The music modulates to a minor key [1]. Allow call and response [1].	2
5(a)	Baroque	1
5(b)	Handel	1
6	The lower instruments play the same melody but in canon, one bar later. 2 = recognition of the same melody, but slightly later and overlapping (i.e. 'in canon') 1 = recognition of the same melody	2
7	Rallentando (rall.)	1
8	(In both phrases): the printed melody is played (very) loudly / unaccompanied / monophonic / doubled [1]. Percussion / snare drum play a prominent rhythm (during the long note) [1]. The lower instruments then repeat the melodic motif [1] but in diminution / shorter note values [1] and at a lower <u>octave</u> [1].	3
9	Symphony	1
10	Since 1900	1
11(a)	Bansuri	1
11(b)	Pitch bending	1
12(a)	India	1
12(b)	There is a drone [1]. The melody is slow / free time / unmetered at first [1] and improvisatory [1]. The tablā join [1] and a metre / metrical cycle / tāla develops [1]	3
13(a)	Bandoneon	1
13(b)	A piano plays a pattern of three / ascending then descending notes [1] which is constantly repeated [1] above a walking bass [1]. It is taken from the music of the introduction [1].	2

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14	Major key [1] (until near the end). The piano is more prominent [1] and plays arpeggios (accept broken chords) [1]. The melody uses a wider range of articulation [1]. There are some very distinctive rests for the whole ensemble [1].	2								
15	Latin America / Argentina	1								
16	It is heterophonic [1] in octaves [1]. All of the instruments play the same basic melody [1] but with different ornamentation / slides / use of tremolo [1].	2								
17	Instrument: Gaohu [1] Playing technique of yangqin: It is a hammered [1] string instrument / dulcimer [1].	3								
18	The piece begins in free tempo [1]. The pentatonic scale is used [1]. The first passage is in 4/4 / quadruple time [1]. The second passage of music is faster than the first [1] and in 2/4 [1]. There are no percussion instruments [1].	4								
19	Hong Kong	1								
20	Bars 5–7 are quieter / calm / more legato [1]; bars 1–4 are accented / detached / staccato and loud at first (but bars 3 and 4 are much softer) [1]	2								
21	E flat (major) [1] Imperfect [1]	2								
22	The piano plays quaver [1] arpeggios / broken chords [1] in octaves [1]. The cello holds longer notes [1].	2								
23	Minor [1] third [1] (third must be correct to get the mark for minor)	2								
24	Repetition (accept imitation)	1								
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26	Cello	1								
27(a)	Romantic	1								
27(b)	Lyrical melody / legato / expressive playing [1]. Wide range of articulation / pitch / dynamics [1]. Mediant (accept unexpected) modulation [1]. Diminished seventh chords / chromaticism [1]. Virtuoso piano part [1].	2								

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28(a)	Horn(s)	1
28(b)	The repeated note / rhythm / three short notes followed by a longer one [1] refers to the opening of the first movement / the fate motif [1].	2
29(a)	Cellos <u>and</u> (double) basses	1
29(b)	B flat minor	1
30	It is played by the full orchestra / more richly textured [1], is extended [1], is in F minor [1] and at a higher pitch [1].	3
31(a)	Coda	1
31(b)	1st subject 2nd theme	1
31(c)	Bassoon – horn – flute – clarinet	1
32	 <p>One mark per note</p>	2
33	Shortening the two-bar phrases to one bar [1], repetition [1], crescendo [1], dominant pedal [1], increase in tempo/semprè più allegro [1], off-beat chords [1], piccolo scalic flourishes [1].	3
34	 <p>One mark per note</p>	2
35	The motif from bar 14 is played (twice) [1] but in diminution / with shorter note values [1] by the violins [1]. This is followed by triplet quaver / broken chords (accept triplet figure) [1]. The trumpet then repeats this / imitates the orchestra [1].	3
36	Recapitulation of first subject	1
37	The cadenza	1
38	1800	1
39	Second subject	1
40	(In bars 7–13) the trumpet uses wide leaps / a fanfare / broken chord pattern [1] which is decorated/ornamented / has mordents [1]. (Bars 14–19) use a chromatic scale / movement [1]. This passage shows off the capabilities of the new instrument (accept reference to the keyed trumpet) [1].	3
41	Dominant seventh (B flat 7)	1

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42(a)	Development	1
42(b)	A flat (major)	1
42(c)	Subdominant	1