

GCSE Music

Exam board: AQA
Specification code: 8271

Method of assessment:

Component 1: Understanding Music – 1 hour 30 minute exam – 40% of total mark

Component 2: Performing Music – 1 solo and 1 ensemble piece lasting a combined time of at least 4 minutes – 30% of total mark

Component 3: Composing Music – 2 compositions lasting a combined time of at least 3 minutes

Component 1: Understanding Music	Component 2: Performing Music	Component 3: Composing Music
<p>Section A: Unfamiliar Listening (68 marks)</p> <p>Questions to be answered on excerpts from any of the 4 areas of study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western classical tradition 1650-1910 • Popular music • Traditional music • Western classical tradition since 1910 	<p>2 pieces to be performed on any instrument as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 solo performance (36 marks) • 1 ensemble performance (36 marks) <p>The combined total of the pieces must be a minimum of 4 minutes, with at least 1 minute of this being devoted to the ensemble performance.</p>	<p>2 compositions with a combined time of a minimum of 3 minutes as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 free composition (36 marks) • 1 composition to a brief (36 marks)
<p>Section B: Contextual Understanding (28 marks)</p> <p>Students will answer questions on 2 set works studied during the course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haydn: Symphony 101 in D major <i>The Clock</i>, movt. 2 • The Beatles: Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band – <i>Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds; Within you, Without you; With a Little Help from my Friends.</i> 		

Revision resources:
GCSE Bitesize

AQA GCSE Music revision guide

