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Junior Cycle 2024

Marking Scheme

Music

Common Level

Note to teachers and students on the use of published marking schemes

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Marking schemes are working documents. While a draft marking scheme is prepared in advance of the examination, the scheme is not finalised until examiners have applied it to candidates' work and the feedback from all examiners has been collated and considered in light of the full range of responses of candidates, the overall level of difficulty of the examination and the need to maintain consistency in standards from year to year. This published document contains the finalised scheme, as it was applied to all candidates' work.

In the case of marking schemes that include model solutions or answers, it should be noted that these are not intended to be exhaustive. Variations and alternatives may also be acceptable. Examiners must consider all answers on their merits, and will have consulted with their Advising Examiners when in doubt.

Future Marking Schemes

Assumptions about future marking schemes on the basis of past schemes should be avoided. While the underlying assessment principles remain the same, the details of the marking of a particular type of question may change in the context of the contribution of that question to the overall examination in a given year. The Chief Examiner in any given year has the responsibility to determine how best to ensure the fair and accurate assessment of candidates' work and to ensure consistency in the standard of the assessment from year to year. Accordingly, aspects of the structure, detail and application of the marking scheme for a particular examination are subject to change from one year to the next without notice.

Summary of marks

(b) (i) 2 (ii) 2 (iii) 2;

(c) 3; (d) (i) 4 (ii) 4 (iii) 4;

Q. 2 (68) (a) (i) 4 (ii) 4 (iii) 4 (iv) 4 (v) 4;

(c) (i) 3 (ii) 2

(e) (i) 4 (ii) 1 x 19

Q. 3 (65) (a) (i) 4 (ii) 4 (iii) 4; (b) 4; (c) (i) 1 x 4 (ii) 4; (iii) 3;

(e) 4;

Q. 4 (38) (a) (i) 3 (ii) 3 (iii) 4 (iv) 4; (b) (i) 5 (ii) 5 (iii) 4;

Q. 5 (44) (a) 4; (b) (i) 4 (ii) 4;

(c) (i) & (ii) 28

(iii) 4

Q. 6 (29) (a) (i) 4 (ii) 4 (iii) 4; (b) (i) 4 (ii) 4 (iii) 5,3,1;

Quality of statement in up to statements

Up to5

- Fully correct = 5
- Not fully correct = 4
- General statement = 3
- Some Merit = 2

Up to4

- Fully correct = 4
- Not fully correct = 3
- General statement = 2
- Some Merit = 1

In multiple choice questions where more than the required is indicated an incorrect answer cancels out a correct answer.

In open questions mark the overall quality of the statement as above.

Grades Minimum Mar	rks
Distinction D	252
Higher Merit HM	210
Merit M	154
Achieved A	112
Partially Achieved PA	56
Not Graded NG	0



Excerpt 1, played three times

(a) Tick whether each statement is true or false.

	True	False	
(i) The piano plays a glissando at the beginning.	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$		5
(ii) The piano plays the main melody.		V	5
(iii) The piano plays block chords.	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$		5

Excerpt 2, played three times

(b) Identify where each of these motifs are heard in this excerpt.

	Beginning	Middle	End	
(i)			<u> </u>	2
(ii)	V			2
(iii)		V		2

Excerpt	3 n	laved	twice
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(c)	Select the correct statement to complete the sentence.
The l	packing singers sing:

in unison with the main melody

in harmony with the main melody

3

a countermelody

(d) Three excerpts, each played three times.

- Each of the numbered boxes represents one bar of the music
- The music is in 4/4 time.

Excerpt 4

(i) Place a tick in the bar where the lead singer is heard for the first time.

 Bar No.
 (Pulse)
 (Pulse)
 1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6
 7
 8

 Lead singer
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Allow 4 marks for bar 4.

Excerpt 5

(ii) Place a tick in the bar where backing singers are first heard for the first time.

Bar No.	(Pulse)	(Pulse)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Backing singers	////	////							A	

Excerpt 6

(iii) Place a tick in the bar where trumpets are first heard for the first time.

Bar No.	(Pulse)	(Pulse)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Trumpets	////	////				$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$				

Allow 2 marks for bar 1.



Question 2

Excerpt 1, played three times.

- Listen to the excerpt and follow the score below.
- Answer the questions on the next page.

Andante







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(i) Andante means:	(ii) : means:	4
voru Clove	finish here	
very Slow		
walking pace	go to the next section	4
quick and lively	repeat this section	
(iii) (the dot above the note)		
short and det	ached	4
strong and ac		
	ull value of the note	
(iv) (the line below the note)		
short and det	ached	4
strong and ac	ccented Allow 2 marks for Strong and accen	ted.
hold for the fu	ull value of the note	
(v) This piece is known as <i>The Surprise Symptocreate</i> a feeling of surprise.	hony. Describe one feature of the music that helps to	
For Example: reference to sudden loud acce the last beat; timpani/kettle drum on the las French horn play on the last beat; tutti orch of articulation in accompaniment on repeat;	one feature of the music that creates a feeling of surple nt/sudden change of dynamic on the last beat; fortissing the beat; violin plays a chord on the last beat; woodwing estra play on the last beat; pizzicato accompaniment/c; octave/wide leap in melody line; staccato notes in meanuments; reference to terraced dynamics/dynamics characteristics.	mo on ds and change clody;
1 mark for an answer of some merit	Any other valid answer	r

(a)

Identify the meaning of the following terms and symbols:

(b) Excerpt 1, played once more and Excerpt 2 played twice.

(i) Describe two ways in which the music in Excerpt 2 is different to the music in Excerpt 1.Refer to both excerpts in your answer.

	Excerpt 1	Excerpt 2	
	Up to 4 marks for correct comparison of feature in both excerpts. For Example:		ир
	Major Tonality	Minor Tonality	to
Difference 1	Dynamics are quieter [at the beginning]	Dynamics are [louder at the beginning]	
	Strings play melody	Strings and Woodwinds play melody	
	Timpani/Kettle drums plays	No timpani/kettle drums	
	Brass plays	No brass plays	
	Homophonic	Monophonic then homophonic	ир
	No broken chord accompaniment	Broken chord accompaniment	to 4
Difference 2	Pizzicato	No pizzicato	
	No semiquavers [in melody/accompaniment]	Semiquavers [in melody/accompaniment]	
	Reference to mood = 1	Any other valid answer	

(c) Excerpt 3, played three times

(i) Describe the texture of the music in this excerpt.

-	ription of the texture of the mu a solo/unaccompanied/single li		
1 mark for an answer of some For example: violin only	e merit.		
(ii) The term that best matche	es your description is:		
monophonic	homophonic	polyphonic	

to 3

2

(i) Identify how	w the theme has been a	dapted in this excerpt.	
	Played in octaves	Played in triplets	Played <i>pizzicato</i>
Variation 1		$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	
cerpt 5, Variation 2			
(ii) Identify how	w the theme has been a	dapted in this excerpt.	
	Played in octaves	Played in triplets	Played <i>pizzicato</i>
/ariation 2	V		
ariation 2	✓		
	✓		
Variation 2 xcerpt 6, Variation 3 (iii) Identify how	w the theme has been a	dapted in this excerpt.	
xcerpt 6, Variation 3		dapted in this excerpt. Played in triplets	Played <i>pizzicato</i>

(e) Excerpt 7, played three times.

- (i) Insert the missing time signature in the box at X.
- (ii) Add stems and beams, where appropriate, to complete the rhythm.







Mark left to right the first 19 notes (or rests) from the first note that needs a stem, using the tick or an X.

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Excerpt 1, played three times.

(a) Select the instrument which performs each of the following rhythms in this excerpt:

	Bass Guitar	Keyboard	Percussion	
(i)			V	4
(ii)	V			4
(iii)		V		4

Excerpt 1, played once more.

(b) Describe **one** feature of the accompaniment in this excerpt.

Up to 4 marks for correct identification of one feature of the accompaniment + instrument playing

For example: [Tonic] repeated notes/pedal note on bass; block chords/repeated chord progression/syncopated rhythm on keyboard; **steady beat**/backbeat/beats 2 and 4 on percussion/drum kit/bass drum and snare drum/rim shot; **Ostinato in Keyboard/Bass Guitar/Percussion**

Up to 3 marks for correct identification of one feature of the accompaniment For example: [Tonic] repeated notes/pedal note

Up to 2 marks for correct identification of one instrument playing the accompaniment For example: Bass

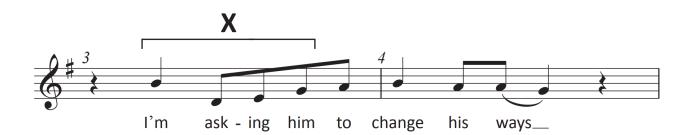
1 mark for an answer of some merit

Any other valid feature

(c) Excerpt 2, played once only.

• Listen to the excerpt and answer the questions below.





(i) Name the four notes at X on the score.

Note 1: B	Note 2: _	Note 3: _E	Note 4: G	1 x 4
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(ii) Three of these notes form the chord of...

A minor	D major	G major	4	
		V		

(iii) Name one note at X which is not part of the chord you chose in part (ii).

		2
		3
Note name:	E	

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This question continues on the next page.

Excerpt 3, played twice.

• The lyrics for lines 1-3 are printed below.

Line 1	And no message could have been any clearer
Line 2	If you wanna make the world a better place,
Line 3	Take a look at yourself then make that change

(d) Describe what happens in the music at the underlined word in line 3.

Up to 4 marks for a correct identification of a change which occurs in the music. **For example:** modulation; change of key; pitch gets higher; chord changes; accented/emphasis; vibrato

up to 4

Up to 3 marks for a not fully correct statement

Up to 2 marks for generally correct statement

1 mark for an answer of some merit

Any valid answer

Excerpt 4, played twice.

Stepping up

(e) An advertisement promoting the message of how we can all make a difference in tackling climate change.

Describe **one** way in which the music (not the lyrics) supports the message of this advertisement

Up to 4 marks for correct reference to one musical feature (4) For example:

up to 4

Found sounds (car wipers/rain/wind/seagulls/farm noises/boats/waves)

Performed by a solo voice

Other voices sing in harmony

More layers added (voices/found sounds/quitar)

Dynamic changes/solo and backing vocals increase in dynamics

Repeated motifs/musical ideas + repeat our actions

1 mark for correct reference to qualifying link or mood but with no reference to music

For example: repeat our actions, each voice matters, supporting each other etc.

Reference to Mood =1

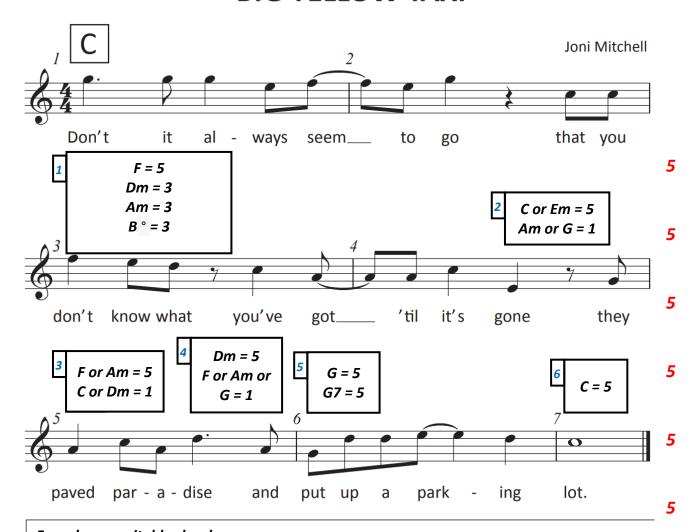
Any other valid answer

You have eight minutes to answer part (f).

(f) Composing Task

- Insert suitable chord symbols in the **six** empty boxes provided.
- Do not repeat the same chord in adjacent boxes.
- Do not use Roman numerals.

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5 marks per suitable chord

The last two chords must be G or G7 and C. These chords are marked independently, therefore 5m each.

Where the root of a chord is correct but the suffix is missing: 0 marks

Allow 2 marks for each chord awarded 5 that is notated in Roman Numerals.

Allow 1 mark for each chord awarded 3 or 1 that is notated in Roman Numerals.

Chords must be **fully** correct to be awarded this mark. Roman numeral notation must be completely accurate: Upper case for major chords (i.e. no dots on the "I"s); Lower case for minor chords (i.e. dots on the "i"s).

Where a chord is repeated in adjacent boxes award the higher scoring chord.

Chord bank grid – key of C major

Notes	G	Α	В	С	D	Е	F
of	Ε	F	G	Α	В	С	D
chord	С	D	Е	F	G	Α	В
Chord symbol	С	Dm	Em	F	G	Am	B°
Roman numeral	1	ii	iii	IV	V	vi	vii°



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- (a) Excerpt 1, played three times.
 - (i) The tonality of the music is

Major	Minor	3
	∀	

(ii) The pulse of the music is



(iii) Identify **one** instrument which plays the melody in this excerpt.

Violin/Fiddle	4
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(iv) Identify **one** instrument which plays the accompaniment in this excerpt.

Harp, Piano/Keyboard, Vibraphone/ Marimba, Bodhran/Drum(s),
Shaker/Hi Hat/Cymbal

Allow 2 marks for Percussion

(b)	Excerpt 2	, played	three	times.
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(i) Describe **one** feature of the singer's performance in this excerpt.

Up to 5 marks for correct reference to one feature of the singer's performance For example:

ornamentation; lilting/nonsense syllables; nasalisation; layered/harmonised vocal/melody sung in harmony/ overdubbed; high pitch; louder in the second part of the tune

to 5

3 marks for a general feature of the singer's performance

For example: soprano voice

2 mark for an answer of some merit

For example: female voice

Any other valid feature

(ii) Describe **one** feature of the accompaniment in this excerpt.

to 5

Up to 5 marks for correct reference to one musical feature (3) + instrument (2) For example:

drone/pedal note/octaves on bass; countermelody on tin whistle/uilleann pipes; ornamentation on uilleann pipes; bodhrán playing Irish dance rhythm [reel]; bass drum plays on the first beat of each bar; backing vocals/choir sing harmony/sustained notes

Up to 4 marks for correct reference to dynamic change with reference to accompaniment

For example: accompaniment has a crescendo and gradually gets louder

2 mark for an answer of some merit

For example: general reference to dynamics Any other valid feature

Excerpt 2, played once more.

	VCARNT THARA IS 3 CHANGA AT	•
(iii) At the end of the e	xcerpt there is a change of	

tonality	metre	tempo
		$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$

4

Excerpt 3 and Excerpt 4, played twice.

(c) With reference to musical features, describe one similarity and one difference between Excerpt 3 and Excerpt 4.

(i) Similarity

Up to 5 marks for correctly identified similarity between both excerpts For example:

Both have a triplet rhythm/Jig rhythm/based on a traditional dance rhythm [Jig]; Both are performed by an orchestra;

Both are performed at a louder dynamic;

Both have a fast/similar tempo;

Both have instruments associated with Irish Traditional Music [Uilleann Pipes]; Both have repeated notes at the end

Any other valid feature

(ii) **Difference**

		Excerpt 3	Excerpt 4	
		Up to 5 marks for correctly identified difference between both excerpts. For example:		up to 5
		Faster Tempo	Slower Tempo	1
(iii) Difference	Changes tonality	Tonality remains the same tonality throughout		
		No choir	Features a choir	
		Doesn't end with a gong	Ends with a gong/ cymbal	
		Reference to mood = 2	Any other valid feature	

up to 5



Excerpt 1, played three times

(a) The music in this excerpt is based on a melodic ostinato. Explain the term ostinato.

Up to 4 marks for correct explanation of the term ostinato. For example:

a repeated [accompaniment] pattern (that can be rhythmic/harmonic/or melodic) that is maintained continually throughout a piece of music; a continuous/repeated musical idea/pattern/motif

Any other valid answer

Excerpt 2, played three times

(b) Describe two other layers of sound that are added to the ostinato as it repeats.

Up to 4 marks for correctly identifying layer (3) + feature (1) For example:

Additional vocal layers; countermelody or harmony.

Keyboard/Synthesizer; rising/ascending/step movement pattern/motif/idea;

Percussion/Drums; syncopated pattern

Body Percussion (clicks/hand claps/sampled sounds); syncopated pattern

Up to 3 marks for correctly identifying an additional layer without reference to feature

Up to 2 marks for correctly identifying a feature without reference to layer

Any other valid

up to 4

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to 4

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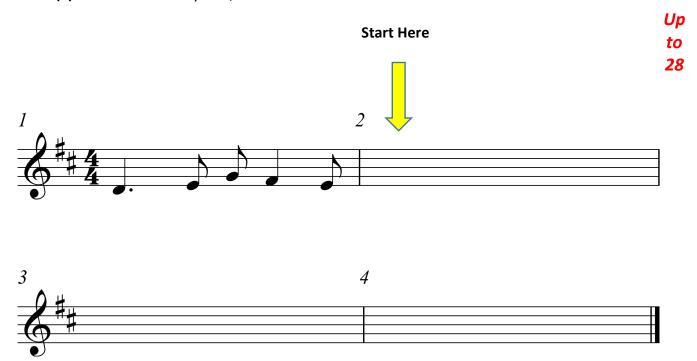
to 4

• You have eight minutes to answer part (c).

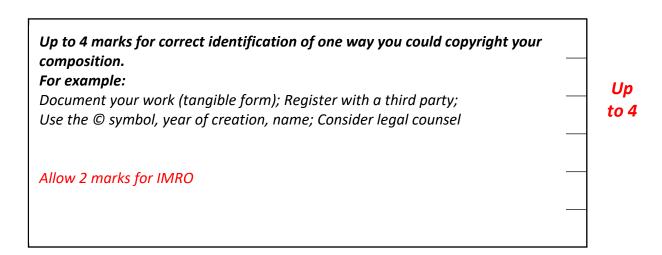
(c) Composing Task

You have been asked to compose a theme for a school sports event. Your music teacher has provided you with the first bar to get you started.

- (i) Compose your own melody in the key of D major to complete a four-bar theme.
- (ii) End on the keynote/doh.



(iii) Describe one way that you could copyright your composition.



	Quality of melody and rhythm.	Up to 28		
Band	Description			
1	 Excellent shape, flow, sense of key and sense of direction in melody Excellent rhythm. 	25—28		
2	 Very good shape, flow, sense of key and sense of direction in melody Very good rhythm. 	20—24		
3	 Good shape, flow, sense of key and sense of direction in melody Good rhythm. 	15—19		
4	 Fair shape, flow, sense of key and sense of direction in melody. Fair rhythm. 	10—14		
5	 Poor shape, flow and sense of direction, poor sense of key. Poor rhythm. 	5—9		
6	Little or no attempt, erratic melodic shapeVery poor rhythm.	0—4		

Clarifications

- 1. Melodies must be excellent in **all** respects (shape, flow, sense of direction) to be considered in the top band.
- 2. A minor error in rhythm does not imply a melody cannot be in the excellent band.

Following on from this:

- a. Melodies that do not end on doh cannot be considered as excellent (sense of direction not excellent) and cannot be in the top band.
- b. Melodies that have a limited range cannot be considered as excellent (sense of shape and sense of direction not excellent) and so cannot be in the top band.

(a) Excerpt 1, played three times.

• Th	ne lyrics	s of the verse are print	ed below.				
Line	e 1	On Raglan Road of ar	n Autumn day, I sav	v her first and knew,			
Line	e 2	That her dark hair would weave a snare, that I would someday rue.					
Line	e 3	I saw the danger and I passed, along the enchanted way.					
Line	e 4	And I said, 'let grief b	e a fallen leaf, at tl	ne dawning of the day'.			
(i)	Selec	t the correct statemer	nt:				
		Line 1 has the same r	melody as Line 2		4		
		Line 1 has the same r	melody as Line 3				
	V	Line 1 has the same r	melody as Line 4				
(ii)	The f	orm of this song is:					
		ABAB	ABBA	ABAA	4		
(iii)	This f	orm is known as:					
		unitary	binary	ternary	4		

(b) Excerpt 2, played three times.

• Th	ne lyrics	are printed below:						
Line	e 1	I gave her gifts of the mind, I gave her the secret signs,						
Line	e 2	That's known to the artists who have known, the true Gods of sound and stone.						
Line	e 3	And word and tint w	ithout stint, I ga	ave her poems to	say.			
Line	e 4	With her own name	there and her c	own dark hair, like	clouds over fields of May	/ .		
(i)	Line 1	L ends with the chord	progression V-I	. The cadence this	forms is	_		
		perfect	plagal	imperfect	interrupted	4		
(ii)	Line 2	2 ends with the chord	progression I-V	. The cadence this	forms is			
		perfect	plagal	imperfect	interrupted	4		
(iii)	Put a	box around three wo	rds in line 3 wh	ere you hear a cho	ord change.	5,3,1		

I: Technical Control			II: Musicality		III: Unprepared test	
Mark Description Mark			Description	Mark	Description	
24		72		24	Sight reading/ Aural Memory	Improvisation
23-24 21-22	Excellent pitch and/or rhythmExcellent control	71-72 68-70 65-67	Excellent musical performance	23-24 21-22	 Excellent pitch and/or rhythmic accuracy Excellent continuity and pulse 	 Excellent development of given material Excellent continuity and pulse
19-20 17-18	Very good pitch and/or rhythmVery good control	62-64 58-61 54-57	Very good musical performance	19-20 17-18	 Very good pitch and/or rhythmic accuracy Very good continuity and pulse 	 Very good development of given material Very good continuity and pulse
15-16 13-14	Good pitch and/or rhythmGood control	50-53 45-49 40-44	Good musical performance	15-16 13-14	 Good pitch and/or rhythmic accuracy Good continuity and pulse 	 Good development of given material Good continuity and pulse
11-12 9-10	Fair pitch and/or rhythmFair control	37-39 33-36 29-32	Fair musical performance	11-12 9-10	 Fair pitch and/or rhythmic accuracy Fair continuity and pulse 	 Fair development of given material Fair continuity and pulse
7-8 5-6	Poor pitch and/or rhythmPoor control	24-28 19-23 14-18	Poor musical performance	7-8 5-6	 Poor pitch and/or rhythmic accuracy Poor continuity and pulse 	 Poor development of given material Poor continuity and pulse
3-4 0-2	Very poor pitch and/or rhythmVery poor control	9-13 5-8 0-4	Very poor musical performance	3-4 0-2	 Very poor pitch and/or rhythmic accuracy Very poor continuity and pulse 	 Very poor development of given material Very poor continuity and pulse