

2022 Music Technology National 5 Finalised Marking Instructions

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General marking principles for National 5 Music Technology

This information is provided to help you understand the general principles you must apply when marking candidate responses to questions in this paper. These principles must be read in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidate responses.

- (a) Marks for each candidate response must always be assigned in line with these general marking principles and the detailed marking instructions for this assessment.
- (b) Marking should always be positive. This means that, for each candidate response, marks are accumulated for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding: they are not deducted from a maximum on the basis of errors or omissions.
- (c) Do not accept any answer that is not in the marking instructions. Use professional judgement when candidates' responses do not exactly match marking instructions but carry the same meaning.
- (d) Where a candidate has provided more than one answer, for example by ticking two boxes instead of one or adding an extra wrong answer, place a cross beside the wrong answer and deduct the mark assigned to the correct answer. If this has happened more than once or several times the mark cannot go below 0, that is, into negative marks.
- (e) Candidates are asked to tick one or two boxes in multiple choice questions. Accept a cross or any other sign which makes the candidate's intentions clear.
- (f) Accept inaccurate spelling of English or Italian terms.

Marking instructions for each question

Question			Expected response		Additional guidance	
1.	(a)		1980s	1	Do not accept other answers here.	
	(b)		Synth Pop	1	Do not accept other answers here.	
	(c)		Modulation	1	Do not accept other answers here.	
	(d)	(i)	Swing	1	Do not accept other answers here.	
		(ii)	 Improvisation (Saxophone) instrumental break Live recording Swing rhythms Syncopation Walking bass. 	1	Also accept brass or big band instrumentation. Also accept swing band or rhythm section.	
2.	(a)		Pitch bend	1	Do not accept other answers here.	
	(b)		Scat singing	1	Do not accept other answers here.	
	(c)		Accept any two of the following: distorted electric guitars distortion little post production simple chord structure.	2	Electric guitar or distorted guitar on their own are not acceptable responses. Also accept live sounding recording. Also accept aggressive hard rock sound. Also accept aggressive vocals or antiestablishment or political lyrics.	
	(d)	(i)	Large diaphragm dynamic microphone	1	Also accept dynamic microphone.	
		(ii)	Cardioid	1	Also accept hyper-cardioid.	
		(iii)	Using a close mic technique	1	Accept responses which describe placement of the microphone directly in front of, or inside the bass (kick) drum. Accept distances of up to 10 cm (4 inches).	

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3.	(a)		Dance music		1	Do not accept other answers here.	
	(b)		Accept any two of the following: drum machines or drum loops synthesisers minimal use of acoustic and/or live instruments sequencers use of samplers use of loops.			Also accept electronic drums. Also accept keyboard. Also accept use of computer generated sound(s) or MIDI or virtual instrument(s).	
	(c)		Ragtime Vamp			Do not accept other answers here.	
	(d)		Electric guitar			Also accept slide guitar.	
						Guitar on its own is not accepted.	
4.	(a)	(i)	Homophonic		1	Also accept unison or accompanied.	
		(ii)	Inverted pedal		1	Do not accept other answers here.	
	(b) Piano with reverb effect Lead vocal with panning delay			2	Do not accept other answers here.		
	(c)		Accept any two of rate depth mix.	f the following:	2	Also accept speed.	
	(d)		check or fix orcheck connectioncheck connection(mixing) desk	on cable/lead away from		Do not accept other answers here.	
5.			Instrument	Control, effect or process applied to instrument	5	1 mark for each correct control, effect or process. Do not accept other answers here.	
			Bass synth	High EQ cut			
			Electric piano	Chorus			
			Samples	Panning			
			Strings	Reverb			
			Synth chords	Delay			

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6. (a)	Element	Excerpt 1 Acoustic guitar — reverb Backing vocals — reverb or delay Drum kit — reverb Electric guitar — distortion or wah wah or reverb or delay Lead and/or male vocal — reverb or delay Piano — reverb Synthesiser — reverb or delay or wah wah	Excerpt 2 Acoustic guitar — reverb Drum kit — reverb Electric guitar — distortion or reverb or delay or chorus Lead and/or male vocal — reverb or delay Piano — chorus or reverb (Synth) strings — reverb	4	In order to gain a mark, candidates must reference the instrument and/or voice and how it has been effected or panned. The table indicates all the acceptable answers. For Excerpt 1 and Excerpt 2 — 'guitar' and 'vocals' on their own are not acceptable answers. Lead and/or male vocal, backing vocals, acoustic guitar, bass guitar and electric guitar are the acceptable terminology. Excerpt 1 — Also
	Panning	Acoustic guitar — right Backing vocals — left or centre or right Bass guitar — centre Drum kit — centre Electric guitar — left or centre or right Lead and/or male vocal — centre Piano — centre Synthesiser — left or centre or right Tambourine — centre	Acoustic guitar — left Bass guitar — centre Drum kit — centre Electric guitar — right Lead and/or male vocal — centre Piano — centre (Synth) strings — centre or left or right		accept — synthesiser — flanger. Excerpt 1 — Also accept — theremin — reverb or delay. Excerpt 1 — Also accept — theremin — left.
(b)	Major		-	1	Do not accept other answer here.

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]