APPENDIX B

Assessment grid for Component 2: Composing

Each composition should be marked out of 36. Please see Section 3.2 for further assessment details.

- The appropriate band for each assessment objective should be established by determining which performance descriptor best reflects the candidate's performance
- The appropriate mark should then be established by determining the extent to which the candidate has met the criteria within the relevant band
- The total marks for each column may reflect performance at different bands across the assessment objectives, for example, a candidate may achieve band 4 for AO2.1a, column 1, band 4 for AO2.1b, column 2 and band 3 for AO2.1c, column 3.
- It should be noted that the bands have been designed to assist the marking process by identifying individual levels of achievement and they do not correlate with grade boundaries.

| | AO2 Compose and develop musical ideas with technical control and coherence | | |
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| Band | Creativity and development of musical ideas (AO2.1a) | Technical control of musical elements and resources (AO2.1b) | Structure and stylistic coherence (AO2.1c) |
| 4 | 10-12 marks | 10-12 marks | 10-12 marks |
| | Ideas are highly effective, offering much potential for creative development The content is skilfully developed throughout the piece Highly effective contrasts of tone colour and moods | Highly effective choice of elements and resources A wide variety of musical elements are used skilfully Resources, including technology, are skilfully controlled | A very well-organised piece with a highly effective presentation of musical ideas The style and character is highly effective in response to the chosen brief The outcome is highly effective, musical and fully coherent |
| 3 | 7-9 marks Ideas are generally effective, offering potential for further development The content is competently developed throughout the piece Generally effective contrasts of | 7-9 marks Generally effective choice of elements and resources A variety of musical elements are used competently Resources, including technology, are generally well controlled | 7-9 marks A well-organised piece with effective presentation of musical ideas The style and character is generally effective in response to the chosen brief |
| | tone colour and mood | | The outcome is generally effective and coherent |

| 2 | 4-6 marks | 4-6 marks | 4-6 marks |
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| | Ideas are simple, offering some potential for development Some ideas are partially developed Some contrasts of tone colour and mood | Some choices of elements and resources are effective Some musical elements are used inconsistently Inconsistent control of resources, including technology | Inconsistent organisation with some effective presentation of musical ideas The style and character is inconsistent in response to the chosen brief The outcome is inconsistent displaying some sense of coherence |
| 1 | 1-3 marks | 1-3 marks | 1-3 marks |
| | Ideas are limited, offering little opportunity for development Only limited development is evident Limited evidence of tone colour and mood | Limited effectiveness in choice of elements and resources Limited employment of musical elements Limited control of resources including technology | Limited organisation and presentation of ideas The style and character is limited in response to the chosen brief An incoherent and limited outcome |
| 0 | 0 marks | 0 marks | 0 marks |
| | No evidence of any creativity or development | Ineffective control of the musical elements and resources | No evidence of organisation, style and character or coherence |