

## GCE MUSIC FAQs

### ***I have a subject specific query- how can I submit it to your GCE Music subject experts?***

Please email [gcemusic@edexcelexperts.co.uk](mailto:gcemusic@edexcelexperts.co.uk)

Queries can also be submitted using the link below:

<http://edexcel--5571.custhelp.com/app/ask> Our Experts aim to respond to queries within 48 hours.

### ***How can I arrange a customised training event for my centre?***

Please email our Training from Edexcel Team at: [customisedevents@edexcel.com](mailto:customisedevents@edexcel.com)

To find out more, please visit our new website:

<http://www.edexcel.com/resources/Training/customised-training/Pages/default.aspx>

### ***When is the submission deadline for coursework units in 2012?***

The submission deadline is Tuesday **15 May 2012**. Please ensure that the submissions will reach the allocated examiner or the moderator by this date.

Please keep copies of all materials submitted to Edexcel.

### ***Composition briefs for Unit 2 and Unit 5 are posted on the GCE Music website in September each year. When will centres receive hard copies?***

Centres will receive hard copies in January based on the number of estimated entries. Please remember to submit your estimated entries on time.

### ***If a candidate wants to resit the 6MU02 Composition, can they re-submit the work that they submitted last year?***

No, candidates have to use the **new** composition briefs for the new academic year 2012. The new briefs are posted on the GCE Music website in September each year. Candidates are **not** allowed to use any materials from previous years.

### ***Will 6MU05 Technical Studies (Section B) be published on the GCE Music website? For now it is only Section A available on the website.***

No, Section B will **not** be published on the website and will be available as hard copy only. Both sections will be despatched to centres in March. Candidates can access Section B Technical Studies under controlled conditions only.

### ***Where can I order past CDs and the Sample Assessment Materials for the 6MU03 and 6MU06?***

All past CDs, past papers and Sample Assessment Materials can be ordered from Publications, tel: 01623 467 467, [publication.orders@edexcel.com](mailto:publication.orders@edexcel.com)

SAMs Publications code: UA018895 September 2007.

Centres can use Edexcel Online website for ordering:

<http://www.edexcelonline.co.uk/web2/user/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=/Default.aspx>

Full Publications catalogue can be accessed using the following link:

<http://www.edexcel.com/resources/publications/Pages/home.aspx>

### ***Can candidates submit pieces used for 6MU01 also for unit 6MU04?***

No, candidates may **not** duplicate any repertoire in Units 1 and 4. Please refer to the ICE Document, pages 7 and 17.

**What is the performance time for unit 6MU04?**

Candidates are required to submit performances that last between **12-15** minutes. Please note that this time does **not** include any performance preparation, such as tuning or verbal introductions, or audience applause. Please refer to the Administrative Support Guide (ICE Document) and page 66 in the Spec. Short submissions will be penalised.

**Where can we find coursework assessment forms for 6MU01 and 6MU04?**

The assessment forms can be found on the GCE Music website – please go to Assessment materials, Forms. These four - page form should be photocopied onto double-sided A3 paper. The scores/stimuli must be slotted inside this form. Ensure that all details are completed, including teacher and candidate signatures.

**Why are there no OPTEMS for units 6MU02 and 6MU05?**

Both units 6MU02 and 6MU05 are **externally** assessed, and **not** moderated. Centres do not submit Teacher – Examiner’s marks to Edexcel. Submissions are marked by Edexcel external examiners only.

Only units 6MU01 and 6MU04 are assessed internally and externally moderated. Centres must submit OPTEMS for these units.

**Where can I find the assessment criteria for units 6MU02 and 6MU05?**

The assessment criteria are published in the Specification, page 46 (6MU02) and page 96 (6MU05).

As these units are externally assessed, the criteria are published for information only. Centres do not mark the work and do not submit OPTEMS for the above units.

**Can candidates use a score writing package (eg Sibelius) to complete units 2 and 5?**

Yes, score writing packages are allowed for this unit.

**Can teachers open the 6MU05 Technical Studies Section B paper before giving it to students?**

No, teachers cannot open the paper before giving it to students. The paper is confidential and can only be accessed by candidates within the controlled conditions’ time. If there is more than one session, the paper must be kept securely within the centre.

**Will 6MU02 and 6MU05 materials be returned to centres after the summer series?**

No, both Unit 2 and Unit 5 are examined/ externally assessed and the materials will not be returned to centres. Centres can submit an *Access to Scripts* request for these units and they will receive the copy of the examiner mark booklet. They will not receive the original scripts or CDs. Only moderated components are returned to centres- Unit 1 and Unit 4.

***What Post Results services are available for units 6MU02 and 6MU05?***

Centres can order the examiners' mark records as part of the Access to Scripts service (ATS). The request can be submitted via Edexcel Online. Edexcel Post Results Services Team in Hellaby will either email the PDF files to centres or will send the copies of the mark records by post. At both units are mark externally, the materials are not returned to centres. More information on the Post Results Services can be found in the Edexcel Information Manual:

<http://www.edexcel.com/iwantto/Pages/fees.aspx>

***Is 5 minutes' reading time included on the CD for 6MU03 and 6MU06 exams?***

No, the reading time is not included and it must be added by the invigilator.

***How many CDs will the centre receive for 6MU06 exam?***

Edexcel will send 1 CD per centre and 1 spare CD.

***We need an additional CD for a Special Consideration candidate who will be sitting an exam in another room. How can we request it?***

Please send the request by post to: Distribution Department, Edexcel, 190 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7BH and our colleagues will send an additional CD (including the spare CD) to your centre.

The request can also be submitted by fax on: 0207 190 5655.

Requests must be sent on letter headed paper and signed by the head of the centre or the exams officer.

***Where can we find the skeleton score booklets for Units 6MU03 and 6MU06?***

The question papers for both Units will include the skeleton score booklets. Candidates will be able to access them on the day of the exam.

***I have a candidate who wants to re-sit the written exam 6MU03 – which set works should they learn? Can they re-sit an exam based on the set works from last year?***

No, Candidates have to learn new set works for the new academic year whether sitting the exam for the first time or re-sitting. There will be only one question paper available for all candidates. Set works for Summer 2012 are listed on page 59 in the Specification.

***Is any musical software allowed to be used by candidates for unit 6MU03, Section C?***

No, as indicated in the Specification, page 61 candidates will **not** have access to any musical software in Section C.