

Paper Reference 9MU0/02
Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Total Marks

Music
Advanced
COMPONENT 2: Composing Briefs assessing
technique

Release date: Saturday 1 April 2023
Time: up to six hours under controlled conditions

In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.

Surname					
Other names					
Centre Number					
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YOU MUST HAVE

Nil

YOU WILL BE GIVEN

Data Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

All assessment materials must be uploaded onto the Learner Work Transfer platform by 15 May 2023.

You must submit two compositions:

- The first composition can be either chosen from the six briefs relating to the areas of study or a free composition. This composition must have a minimum duration of 4 minutes.**
- The second composition must be chosen from the four briefs assessing technique in this booklet.**

The materials submitted must include a:

- score – see pages 44–45 of the specification**
- recording – see page 45 of the specification**
- completed Composing Authentication Sheet – see Pearson website.**

Teachers should refer to the Administrative Support Guide – see Pearson website.

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INFORMATION

The maximum mark for this component is **60**.

The Free composition or composition to a set brief is worth **40** marks.

The Brief assessing technique is worth **20** marks.

For **2023** the durations assigned to the Brief assessing technique are:

- Bach chorale: **2** minutes **10** seconds
- Two–part counterpoint: **2** minutes **5** seconds
- Arrangement/Remix: minimum duration of **1** minute.

The combined duration of submissions must meet the **minimum time requirement of 6 minutes**.

If this requirement is not met this submission may be penalised.

Introductory statements and gaps between recordings do not count towards the total time requirement.

There may be spare copies of some data sheets in case you need them.

ADVICE

The score and recording should be neat and well presented.

Composition Task

You must compose music based on one of the four briefs assessing technique listed on pages 6 – 10.

You can draw on your knowledge of the set works and wider listening that you have studied to help you think about the ideas, techniques, structure, style and features of your composition.

Composition Briefs

Select ONE of the following briefs, and compose your piece of music according to the brief:

Brief 1 – Bach Chorale

Refer to the Chorale 1 and Chorale 2 for Brief 1 in the Data Booklet. Add alto, tenor and bass parts to harmonise the TWO chorales in the style of J. S. Bach for singing by the choir and congregation of a Lutheran church.

You must complete both chorales.

The tempo for both chorales is set at 60 crotchet (quarter note) beats per minute. No extra time has been allowed for the pauses. However, the total time of two minutes for the two chorales will be increased by ten seconds to allow for some ‘spreading’ in live performance.

The submission for this brief is therefore calculated to be two minutes ten seconds (2’ 10’’) in length of time, counting towards the minimum total of six minutes required for Component 2 as a whole. Timings for this brief cannot be altered.

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Brief 2 – Two–part Counterpoint

Refer to the movement for Brief 2 in the Data Booklet.

Complete the movement in an appropriate style suitable for performance in an eighteenth–century domestic setting. Add the violin part from the beginning of bar 6 to the end of bar 10 and from the beginning of bar 16 to the end of bar 21. Add the continuo from the beginning of bar 12 to bar 14 beat 2 and from the beginning of bar 29 to the end of bar 34.

The tempo for this movement has been set at 76 crotchet (quarter note) beats to the minute. This amounts to two minutes for a performance of the piece as a whole. This has been increased to two minutes five seconds to allow for some small variations in tempo in live performance.

The submission for this brief is therefore calculated to be two minutes five seconds (2' 5'') in length of time, counting towards the minimum total of six minutes required for Component 2 overall. Timings for this brief cannot be altered.

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Brief 3 – Arrangement

Refer to the melody for Brief 3 in the Data Booklet. Use and extend the melody to form an arrangement suitable to be used as the theme tune for a light–hearted TV panel show. Your arrangement should be for four instruments.

Your arrangement must be a minimum of one minute long, and may be in any style. You may compose for acoustic and/or amplified and/or synthesised instruments but not voices.

You may change details of the rhythm, metre, pitch and tonality but the shape of the melody should remain.

Brief 4 – Remix

Develop the vocal sample 2023 (downloadable from the Edexcel A level Music website from 1 April 2023) to create an original electronic dance remix suitable to be played in a nightclub by a DJ. Your remix must be a minimum of one minute long.

You must use, edit and manipulate the entire vocal sample.

Your remix may contain sequenced parts using MIDI virtual instruments and/or audioparts that you have played yourself. Any recorded audio parts which you did not perform or any pre-recorded samples or loops must be detailed on the Composition Authentication Sheet or on a separate, signed document. You must explain how such materials have been manipulated, shaped, edited and/or processed.

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Brief 4 continued.

You must:

- **Use original sound design such as synthesis, sample manipulation or creative effects.**
- **Produce a high quality stereo recording of your composition that pays attention to EQ, dynamics, effects, stereo field and balance.**

The content of the stimulus audio file:

- **The audio file is aligned with the 1st beat of a 4/4 bar to ensure that it plays in time.**
- **The tempo is 135 bpm.**
- **The vocal was recorded in D major.**
- **This recording is dry with no EQ, compression or any other effects.**

END OF TASK
