

AS Level Music (2016)

Component 2: Composing

First assessment 2017

30% of the qualification

Externally assessed out of 60 marks

- 2 compositions – 1 to a brief and 1 free or to a brief
- Each composition must be at least 2 minutes
- Total time must be at least 4 minutes 30 seconds
- Submissions below the minimum duration will receive no marks
- Each composition carries 50% of the marks
- Compositions should be worked on and recorded in the student's intended year of certification
- All assessment material to arrive with the examiner by 15 May in year of certification

Composition Briefs

- Released on 1 September in the year of certification
- Released on the website
- If students choose to write 2 pieces to a brief these must be to a different brief
- Different briefs will relate to each area of study

Controlled conditions

- 2 hours on development of composition, final write-up and recording to be completed in the centre under teacher supervision
- Preparatory work monitored throughout to ensure it is the student's own work

Composition Recordings

- Can be realised by conventional instruments or music technology
- The recording of the performance is not assessed
- Student does not have to perform except sequenced parts of a composition if using music technology
- CD or USB stick format
- Each composition should be a separate track
- Individually labelled with centre number, candidate number and composition title

Submission

- A detailed notated score appropriate to the style
- Full score, lead sheet, chord chart, track sheets, tables or diagrams, screenshots or written account of the composition are acceptable
- Handwritten or printed

- Briefs where music using technology can be used to achieve the brief will require track sheets of the music to be submitted as well as a recording in the following format: .wav, 16-bit and 44.1kHz

Assessment Grids

- 3 assessment grids each carrying 10 marks
- The assessment grids are: Coherence, Expressive Control, Technical Control
- Marks for each composition are then added together to give a total out of 60