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1. Grade 8

1.1 To achieve grade 8 candidates will be able to:

- perform challenging music with a high degree of fluency and sensitivity
- compose using a wide range of musical elements with sophistication, creating effective musical ideas and sustaining interest through their development
- demonstrate, through aural identification, accurate knowledge of a wide range of musical elements, contexts and language
- evaluate music to make convincing judgements using musical terminology accurately and effectively

2. Grade 5

2.1 To achieve grade 5 candidates will be able to:

- perform music with some technical challenges broadly fluently with some sensitivity
- compose using a range of musical elements with coherence, creating musical ideas and developing interest with some success
- demonstrate, through aural identification, mostly accurate knowledge of a range of musical elements, contexts and language
- evaluate music to make clear judgements using musical terminology appropriately

3. Grade 2

3.1 To achieve grade 2 candidates will be able to:

- perform simple pieces with limited fluency and sensitivity
- compose using a range of musical elements, creating musical ideas with some appeal and limited development
- demonstrate, through aural identification, some knowledge of musical elements, contexts and language
- evaluate music to produce simple reflections with inconsistent use of musical terminology

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