

MTB Marking Criteria

Music Theory Examinations

Foundation and Grades 1-6

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MUSIC THEORY

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Award Categories

The examination is marked out of 100 with a pass mark of 60. Award categories are as follows:

87-100	Distinction
75-86	Merit
60-74	Pass
45-59	Blue
0-44	White

Important Notes

1. MTB Foundation to Grade 6 Music Theory are marked out of a total of 100, with 60 required for a pass, 75 for a Merit and 87 for a Distinction.
2. Our Music Theory Exams use questions that are interactive and are automatically marked. Some of these questions are allocated a single mark but where more complex input is required, questions may be awarded several marks with partial credit awarded for answers that are only partly correct. We award marks in line with specific knowledge and comprehension of Music Theory demonstrated by candidates.
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Marks Per Section

Foundation Grade	
Section	Marks
Rhythm	/32
Time Signatures	/18
Beams	/12
Pitch	/32
General Questions	/6
Total	/100

Grade 1	
Section	Marks
Rhythm	/23
Pitch	/21
Intervals	/16
Keys & Scales	/22
Triads	/4
General Questions	/14
Total	/100

Grade 2	
Section	Marks
Rhythm	/18
Pitch	/14
Intervals	/10
Keys	/16
Scales	/24
Triads	/8
General Questions	/10
Total	/100

Grade 3	
Section	Marks
Rhythm	/19
Pitch & Intervals	/24
Keys	/12
Scales	/13
Melodies	/7
Triads	/6
Transposition	/9
General Questions	/10
Total	/100

Grade 4	
Section	Marks
Rhythm	/19
Pitch & Intervals	/22
Keys	/12
Scales	/13
Melodies	/7
Triads	/8
Transposition	/9
General Questions	/10
Total	/100

Grade 5	
Section	Marks
Rhythm	/15
Pitch & Intervals	/16
Keys	/6
Scales	/19
Melodies	/9
Triads	/12
Transposition	/13
General Questions	/10
Total	/100

Grade 6	
Section	Marks
Triads	/26
Melodies	/18
Harmony	/48
General Questions	/8
Total	/100