

Supporting Tests: Grade 1-8

Mark	Scales and arpeggios	Sight-reading*	Mark	Aural Tests
Distinction 19–21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highly accurate notes/pitch Fluent and rhythmic Musically shaped Confident response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fluent, rhythmically accurate Musical detail realised Confident presentation 	Distinction 17–18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accurate throughout Musically perceptive Confident response
Merit 17–18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largely accurate notes/pitch Mostly regular flow Mainly even tone Secure response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate tempo, usually steady pulse Mainly correct rhythm Largely correct notes/pitch/key Largely secure presentation 	Merit 15–16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengths significantly outweigh weaknesses Musically aware Secure response
Pass 14–16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally correct notes/pitch, despite errors Continuity generally maintained Generally reliable tone Cautious response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuity generally maintained Note values mostly realised Pitch outlines in place, despite errors Cautious presentation 	Pass 12–14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengths just outweigh weaknesses Cautious response
Below Pass 11–13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent errors in notes and/or pitch Lacking continuity and/or some items incomplete Unreliable tone Uncertain response and/or some items not attempted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacking overall continuity Incorrect note values Very approximate notes/pitch/key Insecure presentation 	Below Pass 9–11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weaknesses outweigh strengths Uncertain response
7–10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very approximate notes and/or pitch Sporadic and/or frequently incomplete Serious lack of tonal control Very uncertain response and/or several items not attempted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No continuity or incomplete Note values unrealised Pitch outlines absent Very uncertain presentation 	6–8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inaccuracy throughout Vague response
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work offered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work offered 	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work offered