SQA Music requirements at a glance 2023/2024

Performing Skills:

Nat 5	Higher	Advanced Higher
Min – 8 mins	Min – 12 mins	Min – 18 mins
Max – 8 mins 30 secs	Max – 13 mins	Max – 20 mins
Min time on one instr/voice – 2 mins	Min time on one instr/voice - 4 mins Min time on one instr/voice - 6 mins	
	50%	50%

Understanding Music

Nat 5	Higher	Advanced Higher
40 marks	40 marks	40 marks
45 mins	1 hour	1 hour 15 mins
35%	35%	35%

Composing Skills

Nat 5	Higher	Advanced Higher	
Composition: 20 marks	Composition: 20 marks	Composition: 10 marks	
(Min time – 1 min	(Min time – 1 min	(Min time – 1 min	
Max time – 2 mins 30 secs)	Max time – 3 mins 30 secs)	Max time – 4 mins 30 secs)	
Review: 10 Marks	Review: 10 Marks	Review: 5 Marks	
		Analysis (Project): 5 Marks	
Total - 30 Marks	Total - 30 Marks		
15%	15%	Total - 20 Marks	
		15%	