

MARKING STANDARDS

All examinations set out in this Syllabus are marked out of a total of **100** marks.

Attainment Levels:

Distinction
Merit
Pass
Below Pass

Marking Bands:

Distinction	80 and over
Merit	70 and over
Pass	60 and over
Below Pass	59 and below

Diplomas:

Pass	75 and over
Fail	74 and below

Levels of Achievement:

Pass:

Learners should:

- adequately achieve the Learner outcomes
- perform their selections
- demonstrate satisfactory preparation
- show a basic background knowledge of all selections
- show a basic understanding of any theory set

Merit:

Learners should:

- adequately achieve the Learner outcomes
- show preparation has been thorough
- demonstrate their work clearly, expressively and enthusiastically
- demonstrate good attention to detail
- show a good background knowledge of all selections
- show a good understanding of any theory set

Distinction:

Learners should:

- adequately achieve the Learner outcomes
- demonstrate work is of a really high standard
- fully meet the requirements of the Syllabus
- present work that is artistic, well communicated, technically correct and altogether excellent
- show an excellent background knowledge of all selections

- show an excellent background knowledge of any theory set

Allocation of Marks

The way in which marks are allocated is clearly set out in the Syllabus and on each Learner's Report Form.

Technique

The Technical skills required in the preparation and performance of the selection. This includes vocal technique, stagecraft and teamwork where appropriate.

Interpretation

The artistic realisation of the selection presented demonstrating appropriate qualities required for performance. This includes the appreciation of and the thought process in achieving the writer's intention.

Communication

To demonstrate the ability to share mentally, vocally and physically in performance and discussion to an appropriate standard.

Discussion

To convey the knowledge required for the Level and to be able to participate in an exchange of ideas to an appropriate standard.

To obtain the Pass mark, Learners should show that they know their selections and have prepared them satisfactorily. In grades where theory is set, they must show that they understand the basic Syllabus requirements.

To achieve the marks necessary for Merit, Learners should show that their preparation has been thorough and be able to demonstrate their work clearly, expressively and enthusiastically, with good attention to detail.

A Distinction mark is given if the Learner's work is of a really high standard. Every requirement of the Syllabus must be fulfilled and the work presented must be artistic, well communicated, technically correct and altogether excellent.

A Learner fails to obtain the marks necessary to pass an examination if their work is not sufficiently well prepared and contains inadequacies which cannot be overlooked. Examiners will give constructive criticism which, it is hoped, will encourage the unsuccessful Learner to re-enter the examination at a later date.