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Teachers' Notes for the Conduct of AS Music Unit 1: Understanding Music

General Instructions

- These instructions apply to the AQA GCE AS Music Unit 1 (MUS1) examination and should be read in conjunction with the specification for the year of the examination.
- The CD player, which will be used to play the pre-recorded CD of excerpts of music, should be checked and serviced in advance of the examination date.
- If possible, a spare machine should be available in case of emergency.
- Checks should be made to determine the most suitable place for positioning the CD player and speakers in the room in which the candidates will sit the examination.
- The equipment should be set up and tested at least thirty minutes before the start of the examination.
- **The pre-recorded CD supplied by AQA must not be checked prior to the commencement of the examination.**

The Listening and Written Paper

- Each centre will be supplied with **one** copy of the CD on which the excerpts of music are recorded.
- The recordings will be made in stereo.
- The question-and-answer books, printed extracts of music for Question 3, 8-page answer books and manuscript paper, should be distributed to candidates at the start of the examination.
- All pauses are included in the recording. The recording begins with an announcement and three minutes' reading time before the first excerpt is played.
- Once the recorded excerpts for Questions 1 and 2 have ended, candidates should continue with the rest of the examination.
- Start the CD. **This indicates the beginning of the 2½ hour examination.**
- The recording for the examination must be played through without a break. Any interruption must be reported to the AQA Guildford Office, stating the exact time and point in the examination when the interruption occurred and the duration of the interruption.
- On completion of the examination, the question-and-answer books, 8-page answer books and any manuscript paper, should be sent, with the Attendance/Mark List, to the appropriate examiner, using the address labels provided.
- **For legal and copyright reasons, the CD must be returned to AQA, Stag Hill House, Guildford, GU2 7XJ, after use in the examination.**