

TEST 2D

In this test, the candidate is expected to know the meaning of some Italian terms, and use them where suitable when answering a question.

GLOSSARY OF USEFUL TERMS

Dynamics:	<i>pianissimo (pp)</i>	very soft
	<i>mezzo piano (mp)</i>	moderately soft
	<i>piano (p)</i>	soft
	<i>mezzo forte (mf)</i>	moderately loud
	<i>forte (f)</i>	loud
	<i>fortissimo (ff)</i>	very loud
Tone gradation:	<i>crescendo (cresc.)</i>	becoming gradually louder
	<i>diminuendo (dim.)</i>	becoming gradually softer
Tempo changes:	<i>accelerando (accel.)</i>	becoming gradually faster
	<i>rallentando (rall.)</i>	becoming gradually slower
	<i>ritenuto (rit.)</i>	slower at once
	<i>a tempo</i>	in time (return to the original speed)
Articulation:	<i>legato (leg.)</i>	smooth and connected
	<i>staccato (stacc.)</i>	detached
General (degree):	<i>molto</i>	much, very
	<i>poco</i>	a little
	<i>poco a poco</i>	little by little

The candidate will be tested on **one or two** of the following features:

—	dynamic contrasts	(<i>p/f</i>)
—	gradation of tone	(<i>crescendo/diminuendo</i>)
—	articulation	(<i>staccato/legato</i>)
—	tempo changes	(<i>accelerando/rallentando</i> etc)

Most of these are the same except the About Tempo section is more detailed for Grade 3 and 4

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The following list is not comprehensive, but it will help pupils build up a vocabulary of musical terms.

About articulation:

<i>legato</i>	smooth and connected
<i>staccato</i>	short and detached

About dynamics:

<i>pianissimo (pp)</i>	very soft
<i>piano (p)</i>	soft
<i>mezzo piano (mp)</i>	moderately soft
<i>mezzo forte (mf)</i>	moderately loud
<i>forte (f)</i>	loud
<i>fortissimo (ff)</i>	very loud

About gradation of tone:

<i>crescendo (cresc.)</i>	becoming gradually louder
<i>diminuendo (dim.)</i>	becoming gradually softer

About tempo:

<i>allegro</i>	fast and lively
<i>andante/moderato</i>	at a moderate speed
<i>adagio/lento</i>	slow
<i>accelerando (accel.)</i>	becoming gradually faster
<i>allargando</i>	broadening (becoming slower and louder)
<i>rallentando (rall.)</i>	becoming gradually slower
<i>ritenuto (rit.)</i>	held back (slower at once)
<i>a tempo</i>	in time (resume the original speed)

About character and mood:

agitated (*agitato*), bold (*risoluto*), brisk, cheerful, dance-like, delicate (*delicato*), expressive (*espressivo*), gentle, graceful (*grazioso*), happy, singing (*cantabile*), lyrical, march-like (*alla marcia*), mysterious (*misterioso*), peaceful (*tranquillo*), pensive, playful (*scherzando*), poetic, rhythmic (*ritmico*), sad (*mesto*), sweet (*dolce*), simple (*semplice*), spirited (*spiritoso*), thoughtful