

Trinity College Dublin
School of Music Entrance Examinations 2008
General Knowledge

Full name:..... **Date of birth:**.....

Address:..... **CAO no. (if known):**.....

..... (please do not use your Leaving Cert no.)

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I For which music courses at Trinity College are you applying? (please delete appropriately)

- a. Single Honor Music (TROO2)
- b. Two-subject Moderatorship (TROO1 – Music plus another subject)
- c. B. Mus. Ed. (TROO9 – Degree in Music Education)

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1. What instrument(s) do you play? How long have you been studying it/them?

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2. If you play a keyboard instrument, please indicate to what level.

None..... Grades I-IV..... Grades V-VIII..... Above Grade VIII.....

3. From each of the following centuries, name a composer and one of his/her compositions:

a. 18th century

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b. 19th century

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c. 20th century

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4. Write a paragraph on the work of a composer whose music you enjoy.

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5. Give details of the programme of a concert you have recently attended. (If you have not attended a concert recently, invent a programme of four works of your choice.)

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6. Describe the characteristics of music in the Classical period.

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7. What is a saxophone?

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III Give the professions (e.g. composer, pianist, singer) of each of the following musicians:

1. Mary Black.....
2. Nigel Kennedy.....
3. John O'Connor.....
4. Caroline Corr.....
5. Raymond Deane.....

IV Name the composer of each of the following works:

1. *Messiah*.....
2. Symphony No. 101 'Clock'.....
3. *Carmen*.....
4. *The Rite of Spring*.....
5. *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*.....

V Give brief definitions of the following musical terms:

1. Pizzicato.....
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2. *forte*.....
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3. *Andante*.....
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4. polka.....

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5. *espressivo*.....

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VI Answer the following questions briefly:

1. What sampling rate will produce better quality results, and why? 44.1 khz or 48 khz?

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2. What is a synthesizer?

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3. What is meant by a '16-bit sample'?

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4. What does DVD stand for?

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5. What is analogue recording?

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Note: The Entrance Interview will be held on either 30th April or 1st May 2008. If successful in the Entrance Examinations, you will be informed of your interview date and time by the Admissions Office, TCD, within the next three to four weeks.