Trinity College Dublin
School of Drama, Film and Music
Department of Music Entrance Examinations 2016
General Knowledge

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

(Capital Letters Please and as on your CAO Application)

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

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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)

II

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. 16th century

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b. 18th 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.

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

6. Describe the characteristics of music in the Romantic period.
7. What is a trombone? Describe it.


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

1. Seán Ó Riada

2. George Martin

3. Björk

4. Pierre Boulez

5. Róisín Murphy

IV Name the composer of each of the following works:


2. Abbey Road

3. Water Music (1717)

4. Falstaff (1893)

5. Eight Songs for a Mad King

V Give brief definitions of the following musical terms:

1. Pizzicato

2. Transposing instrument

3. Allegro maestoso
4. Grazioso.........................................................................................................................

5. String Trio...................................................................................................................

VI Answer the following questions:

1. Why does Spotify’s ‘High Quality Streaming’ sound better than an mp3 file?

2. What could BlueTooth be used for? ..............................................................................

3. What is a 3-D printer? ....................................................................................................... 

4. What is a cassette? ...........................................................................................................

5. What does a drone do? .....................................................................................................

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Note: The entrance interviews will be held in May 2016. If successful in the
Entrance Examinations, you will be informed of your interview date and time by the
Academic Registry Admissions Office, TCD, within the next three to four weeks.