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Unit 2 sample assessment instrument

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Examination — extended response

This sample has been compiled by the QCAA to assist and support teachers in planning and developing assessment instruments for individual school settings.

Schools develop internal assessments for each senior subject, based on the learning described in Units 1 and 2 of the subject syllabus. Each unit objective must be assessed at least once.

Assessment objectives

This assessment instrument is used to determine student achievement in the following objectives:

- 2. explain the use of music elements and concepts that represent identity in repertoire and music sources
- 4. analyse music to examine and consider the constituent parts and relationship between music elements, concepts and stylistic characteristics and the ways in which they represent musical identity
- 6. apply written literacy skills using music terminology relevant to genre/style, reference to the work, and language conventions, to communicate ideas and meaning relevant to the work
- 8. evaluate music to justify a viewpoint relating to cultural, political, social or personal identity in repertoire.

Note: Objectives 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 10 are not assessed in this instrument.



Subject	Music			
Technique	Examination — extended response			
Unit	2: Identities			
Topic				
Conditions				
Time	2 hours	Planning time	20 minutes	
Word length	800–1000 words	Seen/unseen	unseen	
Other	 Unseen stimulus will be succinct enough to allow students sufficient time to engage with the material. Students will be provided with contextual information during the examination to support understanding of the stimulus. 			

Instructions

Write in the examination booklet provided.

Task

Peter Sculthorpe's *Small Town* describes life in a country town in Australia. He explores the concepts of national, local and cultural identity in the music through masterful and imaginative use of music elements, concepts and compositional devices.

Explain how Sculthorpe uses music elements and concepts to represent life in an Australian country town in his work *Small Town*. Analyse the piece and evaluate how successfully Sculthorpe achieves this representation of national identity. Justify your viewpoint with evidence from the music.

Stimulus

Audio recording: Peter Sculthorpe - Small Town, www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaxC9d10dXE

Score: Sculthorpe, P 1981, Small Town (score), Faber Music Ltd.

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Feedback

Stimulus

Stimulus booklet for Small Town

Contextual details			
Title of work:	Small Town		
Composer:	Peter Sculthorpe		
About the composition:	Small Town is a short orchestral work influenced by the clever and perceptive observations of author D.H. Lawrence. His novel Kangaroo describes the town of 'Wyewurk' in Thirroul, once a coal-mining town surrounding the coastal escarpment north of Wollongong:		
	It was a wonderful Main Street, and out of the wind. There were several large but rather scaring brown hotels, with balconies all around: there was a yellow stucco church with a red-painted tin steeple, like a weird toy: there were high roofs and low roofs, all corrugated iron: and you came to an opening and there were one or two forlorn bungalows inside their wooden palings, and then the void.		
	the memorial to the fallen soldiers had 'Lest we forget' for a motto. Carved on the bottom step it said 'Unveiled by Grannie Rhys'. A real township monument, bearing the names of everyone possible: the fallen, all those who donned khaki, the people who presented it, and Grannie Rhys. (Lawrence, DH 1923, <i>Kangaroo</i>)		

To Russell Drysdale

SMALL TOWN

SECTION A

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