



PIANO DEBUT

For Debut exams, candidates will play five pieces only. The pass mark is 70% and the assessment criteria are shown below.

Performance Pieces

Mark (out of 20)	Assessment Criteria
Distinction 18-20	1: Very secure basic techniques / coordination 2: Musical phrasing / articulation. 3: Secure rhythm/pulse/duration 4: Seamless sense of structure / continuity 5: Highly confident & assured presentation
Merit 16-17	1: Secure basic techniques / coordination 2: Correct phrasing / articulation. 3: Secure rhythm/pulse/duration 4: Strong sense of structure /continuity 5: Mainly confident presentation
Pass 14-15	1: Mainly secure basic techniques / coordination 2: Some phrasing / articulation 3: Generally accurate rhythm/pulse/ duration 4: Some sense of structure / continuity 5: Hesitant presentation
Below Pass 9-13	1: Insecure basic techniques / coordination 2: Inconsistent use of phrasing / articulation. 3: Inconsistent rhythmic sense 4: Poor sense of structure / continuity 5: Lack of confidence
Below Pass 2 1-8	1: Consistent basic technical errors / lack of coordination 2: Complete absence of phrasing / articulation 3: Wayward pulse; incorrect rhythm/ duration 4: No sense of structure / continuity 5: Highly nervous presentation