



## Doctor of Musical Arts Written Qualifying Examination Assessment

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Student Name

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Date

Pass

Fail

Abstain

### **Suggested Criteria for assessment of Written Qualifying Exam**

#### Organization and Presentation

**PASS:** Generally focused and logical; generally well organized with apparent structures and transitions (e.g., introduction, middle, conclusion, other organizational headings); on topic; written with intact paragraphs; coherent; accurate with clearly stated ideas; appropriate style/tone.

**FAIL:** Somewhat unfocused or unclear; weak; abrupt in transition; disconnected with random thoughts with no discernable point; sketchy with important details missing; inaccurate with erroneous information provided.

#### Quality of Response

**PASS:** Thoughtful and well stated in most sections; clear; credible with verifiable ideas; convincing with clear thesis and argument; accurate in content; thorough and relevant; adequate in evidence; adequate in demonstrating understanding of subject matter.

**FAIL:** Overly simplified; insufficient in development of ideas; weak in evidence; inadequate in demonstrating understanding of subject matter.

#### Quality of Writing

**PASS:** Adequate in standard writing conventions (e.g., spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, paragraphing); readable and the writer's meaning on a general level is clear.

**FAIL:** Limited in vocabulary; unclear with misused parts of speech that impair understanding; inadequate in standard writing conventions (e.g., spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, paragraphing).

#### **COMMENTS:**

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Signature Committee Member

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