Waterford Institute of Technology

BA Music (WD027) Entrance Test – sample Written paper (from 2014)

Name: ___________________________________________            CAO No: _______________________

Instrument (or voice) you will perform on for your audition: ___________________________________

Genre: please tick as appropriate:   Classical:          Irish Traditional:
          Jazz:          Popular:

Answer both questions, but do not spend more than 30 mins. on either of these

Q1. Answer one of the following questions. Wherever relevant, include information on
compositional and instrumental techniques, period style, texture, etc., as part of your answer.  100 marks

a) Classical: Describe the characteristic features of a Mozart piano concerto using his Piano
Concerto 23 in A, K488, as an example.

OR

b) Irish Traditional: Ornamentation is an essential component of Irish Traditional Music. Give
an account of the various ornaments associated with the tradition.

OR

c) Jazz: In your opinion, who was the most influential jazz musician of the twentieth century,
and why?

OR

d) Popular: Discuss the evolution of the Beatles throughout the 1960s from boyish pop band to
rock’n’roll revolutionaries.

Q2. Continue the given opening for 6-10 bars. Indicate which chords you intend using either
Roman numerals (I, IV, V, IIb or whatever) or chord symbols (F, D, g minor or whatever).  100 marks

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