

ADVANCED MATRICULATION LEVEL 2018 FIRST SESSION

SUBJECT: Music

PAPER NUMBER: I – Part I – Sight Singing & Aural Perception

DATE: 28th May 2018

TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 4:35 p.m.

EXAMINER'S PAPER

Answer ALL exercises.

SECTION A - SIGHT SINGING

Candidates are requested to:

- 1. Sing the given short diatonic phrase at sight. The tonic chord followed by the key-note are to be played by the examiner from the attached sheet. (5)
- 2. Clap or tap the rhythm of the given short melodic phrase which is to be played **TWICE** by the examiner from the attached sheet. (5)

N.B. The examiner is to fill in the marks awarded to each candidate in the Table below:

Index Number	Ear Test 1 (5 marks)	Ear Test 2 (5 marks)	Total (10 marks)
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(Total: 10 marks)

SECTION B - AURAL PERCEPTION

Candidates are requested to:

1. Write down the occasional missing notes with relative time-values, marked by an asterisk, in this passage. The excerpt is to be played **FOUR** times.



(10)

2. Identify the modulation of this two-part melodic phrase. The excerpt is to be played **TWICE** and is to be preceded by the tonic chord. A correct description of the modulation is expected; for example: dominant, relative major, etc.



3. Write down the missing notes in the spaces marked by an asterisk in this atonal excerpt. **No** interval between adjacent notes is to exceed the interval of a Perfect 5th. The excerpt will be played **FOUR** times.



4. Write down the Soprano and Bass parts of the following four-part excerpt. The Alto and Tenor parts are given. The passage in four parts is to be played **FOUR** times.



(Total: 40 marks)



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Singing Excerpts for Section A (1) - Sight Singing:

Candidate 1



Candidate 2



Candidate 3



Candidate 4



Candidate 5



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Candidate 6



Candidate 7



Candidate 8



Candidate 9



Candidate 10



Rhythmic Excerpts for Section A (2) - Clapping:

Candidate 1



Candidate 2



Candidate 3



Candidate 4



Candidate 5



Candidate 6



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Candidate 7



Candidate 8



Candidate 9



Candidate 10





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CANDIDATE'S PAPER

Answer ALL exercises.

SECTION A - SIGHT SINGING

- 1. Sing the given short diatonic phrase at sight. The tonic chord followed by the key-note will be played. (5)
- 2. Clap or tap the rhythm of the given short melodic phrase. The melodic phrase will be played **TWICE**. (5)

(Total: 10 marks)

SECTION B - AURAL PERCEPTION

1. Write down the occasional missing notes with relative time-values, marked by an asterisk, in this passage. The excerpt will be played **FOUR** times.



2. Identify the modulation of this two-part melodic phrase. The excerpt will be played **TWICE** and will be preceded by the tonic chord. A correct description of the modulation is expected; for example: dominant, relative major, etc.

Modulation to: _____ (10)

3. Write down the missing notes in the spaces marked by an asterisk in this atonal excerpt. **No** interval between adjacent notes will exceed the interval of a Perfect 5th. The excerpt will be played **FOUR** times.



(10)

4. Write down the missing Soprano and Bass parts of the following four-part excerpt. The Alto and Tenor parts are given. The passage in four parts will be played **FOUR** times.



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SUBJECT: Music

PAPER NUMBER: I – Part II – Harmony and Counterpoint

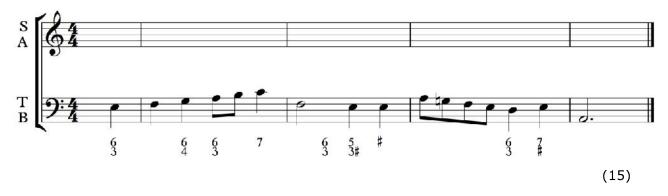
DATE: 28th May 2018

TIME: After Paper I – Part I (2 hours 5 minutes)

Answer **ALL** questions.

SECTION A - COMMON PRACTICE HARMONY

1. Harmonise the given figured bass by adding S.A.T. including use of non-harmonic tones and a modulation to a related key.



2. Harmonise the given soprano part by adding A.T.B. including use of non-harmonic tones as well as an appropriate modulation to a related key. Label the notes correctly.



(15)

(Total: 30 marks)

SECTION B - COUNTERPOINT

1. Complete the following passage in 2-part counterpoint in eighteenth-century style.



2. Complete the following passage in 2-part imitative counterpoint.



(15)

(Total: 30 marks)

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PAPER NUMBER: II – Part I – Oral DATE: 1st June 2018

TIME: 20 minutes (each candidate)

EXAMINER'S PAPER

The questions in the Examiner's Paper are meant as a guide for the examiner. It is at his / her discretion whether to use these questions / all of them / some of them or to let a discussion develop.

Topics:

- 1. Plainchant: development, modes, and characteristics
 - Outline THREE characteristics of plainchant.
 - Which Mediaeval vocal music form was mostly associated with the plainchant?
 - Discuss the modal families of chant (Mozarabic, Ambrosian, Celtic, Byzantine, etc.).
- 2. Mediaeval monophonic music, origins of notations, troubadours
 - What is Gregorian chant and where was it developed?
 - Who typically sang Gregorian chant and for what purpose?
 - Describe the music of the trouvères and troubadours.
- 3. Flowering of polyphony: Ars Nova and the achievements of the Flemish school
 - The Ars Nova, or new art, of the fourteenth century differed from older music. In what ways was it different?
 - In the 15th century, composers came from northern European towns and cities Cambrai, Bruges, Antwerp, and Paris. In the 16th century, which **TWO** cities became the most prominent musical centres and why?
- 4. The late Renaissance polyphonic school and later developments
 - What were the central tenets of humanism, and how did this new attitude influence music's place in Renaissance culture?
 - What does the term a cappella connote?
 - In what ways can late Renaissance sacred music be seen as 'the perfect art'?
- 5. Origins of modern instrumental forms: canzona, fantasia, ricercare, toccata, fugue, concerto
 - What is the origin of the word 'fugue'?
 - What important harmonic distinction is found in fugues between the episodes and expositions?
- 6. Birth of Opera: Monteverdi, Venetian and Roman Opera, Scarlatti, Neapolitan Opera
 - Discuss the main characteristics of Neapolitan Opera.
 - Describe the terms *Opera Seria* and *Opera Buffa*. Provide examples.
 - Name and discuss ONE important composer of Venetian Opera.

- 7. Opera Developments: Lully (France), Purcell (England), and Keiser (Germany)
 - Discuss the salient points in the developments of the operatic genre in Germany.
 - Comment on Lully's contribution to the operatic genre.
- 8. Operatic reform: Gluck, Calzabigi, and successive models
 - What were the main reforms of Gluck and Calzabigi in the history of opera?
 - Gluck defined his music as 'the language of humanity'. What are the connections of this statement with the later development of opera?
- 9. The Baroque Period: in particular Bach and Handel
 - What was Handel's greatest contribution to the history of music?
 - Name and discuss THREE characteristics of Bach's work.
- 10. The Classical Masters: Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven
 - Which ideal received more emphasis in the classical period?
 - What is the most common type of chamber music in the classical period? Provide examples of this genre.
 - Discuss the typical orchestra formation of the Classical period. Provide examples.
- 11. The Romantic Period: Schubert to Brahms
 - What is Romanticism? Mention the characteristics of Romanticism with reference to the main composers.
 - What is Nationalisim? Provide examples.
- 12. Italian Opera: Rossini, Bellini, Donizetti, Verdi, and Puccini
 - How did Verdi view drama in opera? What sorts of characteristics did he include in his operas? How did he handle emotional expression?
 - Describe the relationship between the vocal lines and the orchestra in the operas of Verdi.
- 13. Wagner and Music Dramas
 - Describe a Wagnerian music-drama.
 - Identify the main contributions Wagner made to opera.
- 14. National Schools
 - Why were Romantic composers able to portray a wide variety of contrasting emotions in a single movement?
 - What is Nationalism? Elaborate by citing examples of this particular phenomenon during the Romantic Period.
- 15. Musical developments since 1900
 - What were Stravinsky's **THREE** main periods of his musical output? Discuss.
 - What is atonality? Discuss by providing musical examples from the repertoire.
 - What does the term minimalism refer to in music composition?



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PAPER NUMBER: II – Part II – Set Works & Instrumentation

DATE: 30th May 2018

TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 6:35 p.m.

SECTION A - SET WORKS

Answer any **TWO** questions in short-essay form.

- 1. Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 847, is a keyboard composition written by Johann Sebastian Bach. It is the second prelude and fugue in the first book of The Well-Tempered Clavier, a series of 48 preludes and fugues by the composer. Comment about its general form, with special focus on themes, subjects and motifs, and how these are interrelated in various sections of the work.
- 2. The transition, sometimes referred to as the 'bridge', is usually regarded as the section of sonata form responsible for modulating from the primary to the secondary key as well as for effecting a structural contrast between the two thematic sections. Comment on the function and structure of transition in the first movement from his *Piano Sonata in Bb Major K. 333*.
- 3. Who is Sylvia? Op. 106, No. 4 (D.891) is a 'Lied' composed by Romantic era composer Franz Schubert. Comment about its form with focus on the interdependency between the melody and the accompaniment.
- 4. Schubert's *Der Doppelganger (D. 957)* is through-composed; each stanza's setting is different. Comment on its form, and how the music relates to the lyrics.
- 5. Mazurka No. 5 in Bb Major Op. 7, No. 1 and Mazurka No. 6 in A minor Op. 7, No. 2 by Frédéric Chopin are two of 58 Mazurkas that he composed. All of them have distinct patterns, which make them identifiable. Within the Mazurkas, Chopin always alluded to three distinct folk dances. Discuss.
- 6. Discuss the texture, instrumentation, and style employed by Claude Debussy in his *Prélude à l'aprés-midi d'un faune*.
- 7. Piano Piece Op. 33a by Arnold Schoenberg shows the development of Schoenberg's twelve-tone technique, from its initial conception until its culmination in 1936. Discuss the texture, partition, and transposition found in this work.

(Total: 30 marks)

SECTION B - INSTRUMENTATION

Answer **ONE** question.

- 1. In *Peter and the Wolf* by Sergei Prokofiev, each character in the story has a musical theme played by different instruments in the orchestra. Comment on the choice of instruments and the texture created throughout.
- 2. In what ways does Benjamin Britten's *The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra* capture the tone colours and capacities of the various sections of the orchestra?

(Total: 20 marks)



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PAPER NUMBER: III – Performance – Sight Reading

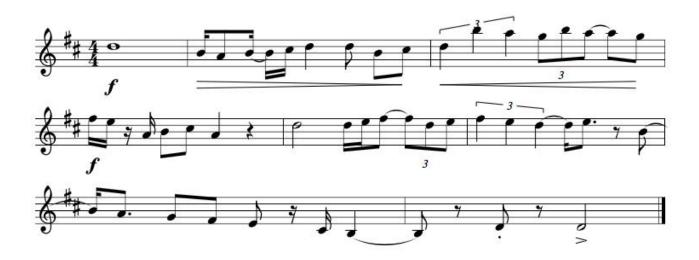
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EXAMINER'S PAPER

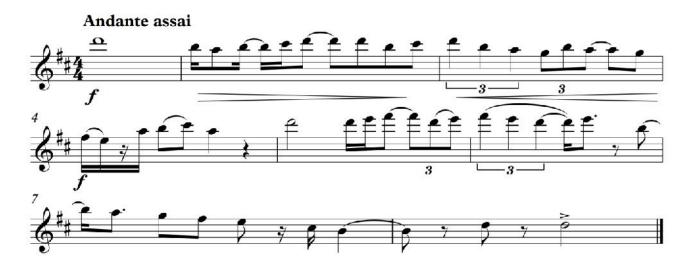
Sight Reading: Trumpet in B flat / Clarinet in B flat / Violin

Play the following:



Sight Reading: Flute

Play the following:



Sight Reading: Voice (Soprano / Tenor)

Sing the following:

(Candidates may opt to sing the Maltese text or vocalize with vowel sounds)



Sight Reading: Euphonium/Trombone

Play the following:



Sight Reading: Pianoforte

Play the following:



(Total: 4 marks)



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III – Performance / Composition 30^{th} May 2018PAPER NUMBER:

DATE:

TIME: approx. 25 minutes per candidate

CANDIDATES'S PAPER

Choose **ONE** section only:

SECTION A - PERFORMANCE

You are required to:

- 1. Perform a short recital of approximately 25 minutes duration. Choose pieces as indicated in the list of compulsory works in the syllabus and complete the recital with any work of your own choice.
- 2. Take a sight-reading test.
- 3. Sit for an interview related to the pieces performed and/or your musical interests.

SECTION B - COMPOSITION

You are required to:

- Submit a composition with a minimum duration of 7 minutes. 1.
- 2. Sit for an interview related to the content of the submitted works and/or your musical interests.