

# Past papers

for graded exams  
in music theory 2012

## Grade 1

# Theory of Music Grade 1

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## Instructions to Candidates

1. The time allowed for answering this paper is **two (2) hours**.
2. Fill in your name and the registration number printed on your appointment slip in the appropriate spaces on this paper, and on any other sheets that you use.
3. **Do not open this paper until you are told to do so.**
4. This paper contains **six (6) sections** and you should answer all of them.
5. Read each question carefully before answering it. Your answers must be written legibly in the spaces provided.
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## Section 1 (20 marks)

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Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

### Example

Name this note:



A ☐ D ☐ C ☒

This shows that you think C is the correct answer.

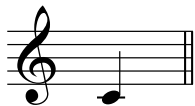
1.1 Name this note:



C sharp ☐ F sharp ☐ E ☐

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1.2 Name this note:



E ☐ G ☐ C ☐

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1.3 Name the notes to find the hidden word:



FADE ☐ FEED ☐ FACE ☐

☐

1.4 How many crotchet beats are there in a semibreve?

2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐

☐

1.5 Add the total number of crotchet beats in these note values and rests:



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7 ☐ 6 ☐ 5 ☐

☐

1.6 Which rest matches the length of this note value?



☐ ☐ ☐

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Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

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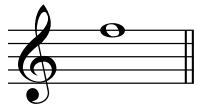
- 1.7 Which is the correct time signature?



$\frac{3}{4}$  ☐     $\text{C}$  ☐     $\frac{2}{4}$  ☐

☐

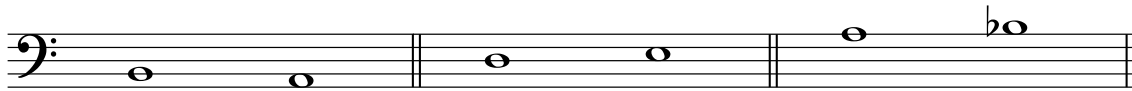
- 1.8 To raise the pitch of this note by a semitone, which accidental would you put just before it?



$\flat$  ☐     $\sharp$  ☐     $\natural$  ☐

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- 1.9 Which pair of notes has a distance of a semitone between them?



B and A ☐    D and E ☐    A and B flat ☐

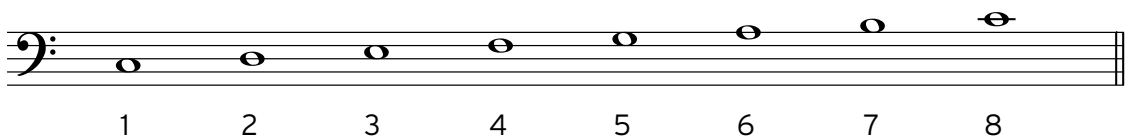
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- 1.10 Which note is doh in the key of F major?

C ☐    F ☐    G ☐

☐

- 1.11 Here is the scale of C major. Where are the semitones?



Between the 7th & 8th degrees ☐

Between the 2nd & 3rd and 7th & 8th degrees ☐

Between the 3rd & 4th and 7th & 8th degrees ☐

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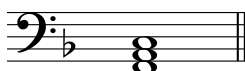
- 1.12 Which major key has the following key signature?



F major ☐    G major ☐    C major ☐

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- 1.13 Which chord symbol fits above this tonic triad?



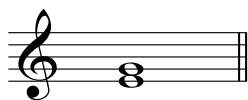
G ☐    C ☐    F ☐

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Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

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1.14 Which note needs to be added to make a tonic triad in C major?



C ☐ E ☐ G ☐

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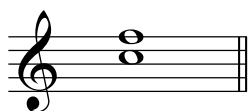
1.15 Name this interval:



3rd ☐ 2nd ☐ Unison ☐

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1.16 Name this interval:



5th ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐

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1.17 Which notes would you find in the tonic triad of G major?

GBE ☐ GBD ☐ GAB ☐

☐

1.18 What  does mean?

Getting gradually louder ☐

Getting gradually softer ☐

Medium loud ☐

☐

1.19 What does *pianissimo* mean?

Medium soft ☐

Play smoothly ☐

Very soft ☐

☐

1.20 What does **Moderato** mean?

At a walking pace ☐

At a moderate pace ☐

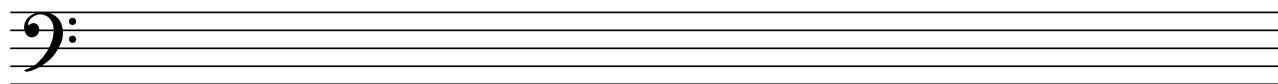
Fast ☐

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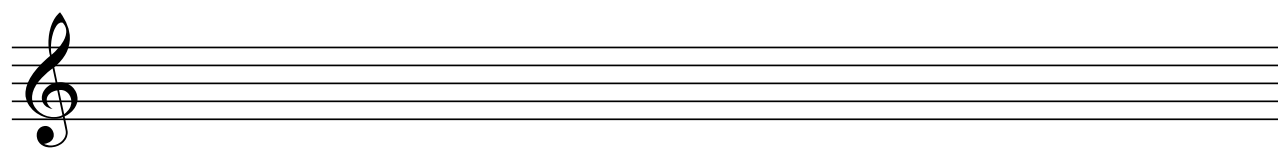
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- 2.1 Write a one-octave G major scale in semibreves, going down. Use the correct key signature and mark the semitones with a bracket (  $\wedge$  or  $\vee$  ) and an **S** for semitone.

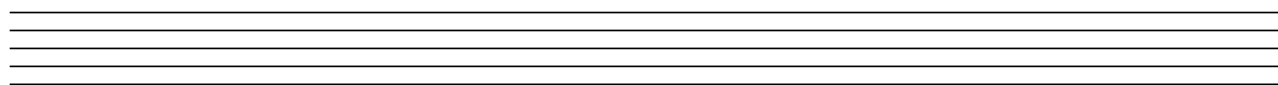


- 2.2 Write a one-octave arpeggio of F major in semibreves, going up then down. Use the correct key signature.



## Section 3 (15 marks)

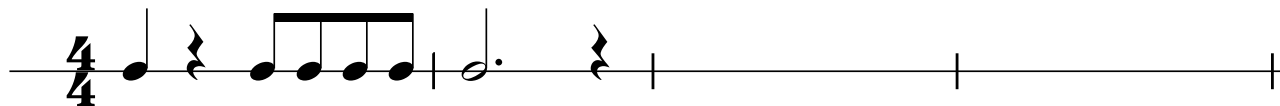
- 3.1 Circle five different mistakes in the following music, then write it out correctly.



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**Section 4** (15 marks)Boxes for  
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4.1 Answer the following rhythm:

**Section 5** (10 marks)

5.1 Here is an ostinato. Write two more repeats of the pattern.



## Section 6 (20 marks)

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Look at the following piece and answer the questions below.

**Allegro**

- 6.1 In which major key is this piece? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.2 How many crotchet beats are there in each bar? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.3 Write a Roman numeral below the last note of this piece to show that a tonic triad should accompany it.
- 6.4 Put a bracket (┌─) above the place where there is a one-octave arpeggio hidden in this piece.
- 6.5 In which bar are there slurred notes? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.6 Should bar 4 be played *legato* or *staccato*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.7 Name the interval between the two notes marked with asterisks (\*) in bar 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.8 At what dynamic should a musician start this piece? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.9 What does *cresc.* mean? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.10 Write the highest and lowest notes in this piece as minims.

