

Theory of Music

Grade 2







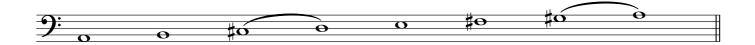
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Lesson 1 – answers

- (1) Write the scale of A major. Remember to spread the notes evenly across the length of the stave.
 - Do not write the key signature. Use accidentals.
 - Write one octave ascending.
 - Use the bass clef.
 - Use semibreves.
 - Mark the semitones with slurs.
 - Complete the scale with a double barline.



- (2) Write the scale of D major.
 - Write the key signature.
 - Write one octave descending.
 - Use the treble clef.
 - Use minims.
 - Mark the tones with slurs.
 - Complete the scale with a double barline.



- (3) Write the major scale with the given key signature.
 - Write two octaves ascending.
 - Use crotchets.
 - Mark the semitones with slurs.



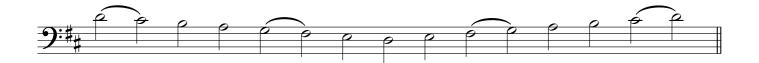
- (4) Write the major scale with the given key signature.
 - Write one octave ascending and then one octave descending.
 - Use semibreves.
 - Mark the tones with slurs.



- (5) Write the scale of G major. Start below the stave.
 - Do not write the key signature. Use accidentals.
 - Write two octaves ascending.
 - Use the treble clef.
 - Use semibreves.
 - Mark the tones with slurs.
 - Complete the scale with a double barline.



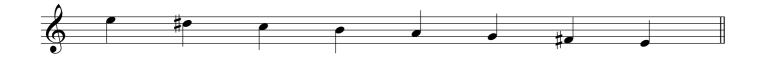
- (6) Write the scale of D major.
 - Write the key signature.
 - Write one octave descending and then one octave ascending.
 - Use the bass clef.
 - Use minims.
 - Mark the semitones with slurs.
 - Complete the scale with a double barline.



Lesson 2 – answers

(3)

- A minor What is the relative minor key of C major? (1) G major What is the relative major key of E minor? (2) D minor What is the relative minor key of F major?
- Add a clef and any accidentals needed to make this the scale of E minor: (4)



Add a clef and any accidentals needed to make this the scale of D minor: (5)



- (6)Write the scale of A minor.
 - Do not write the key signature. Use accidentals.
 - Write one octave descending and then one octave ascending.
 - Use the treble clef.
 - Use semibreves.
 - Mark the semitones with slurs.
 - Complete the scale with a double barline.



- Write the scale of D major. (7)
 - Do not write the key signature. Use accidentals.
 - Write two octaves ascending.
 - Use the treble clef.
 - Use minims.
 - Mark the semitones with slurs.
 - Complete the scale with a double barline.



(8) Write the scale of E minor.

- Write the key signature.
- Write one octave ascending and then one octave descending.
- Use the bass clef.
- Use minims.
- Mark any interval wider than a tone with a slur.
- Complete the scale with a double barline.



(9) Write the scale of D minor.

- Write the key signature.
- Write one octave descending.
- Use the bass clef.
- Use semibreves.
- Mark the tones with slurs.
- Complete the scale with a double barline.



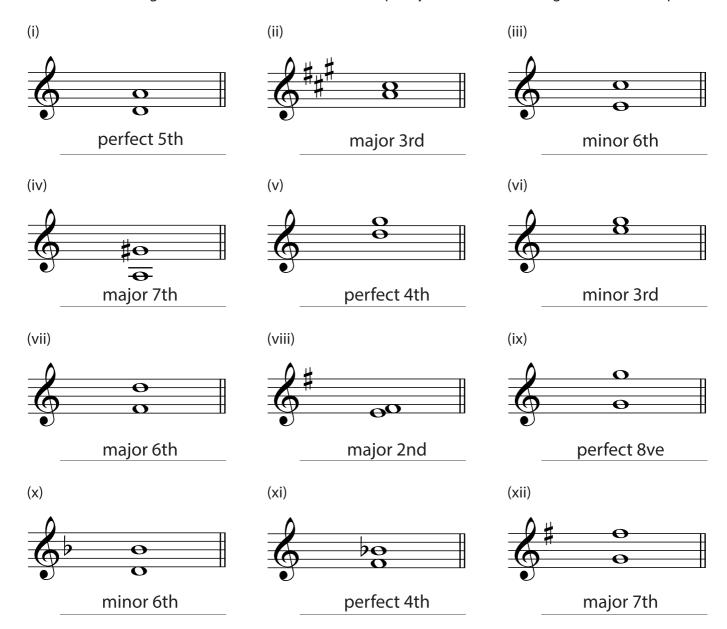
(10) Write the scale of G major.

- Do not write the key signature. Use accidentals.
- Write two octaves descending.
- Use the treble clef.
- Use crotchets.
- Mark the semitones in the lower octave.
- Complete the scale with a double barline.

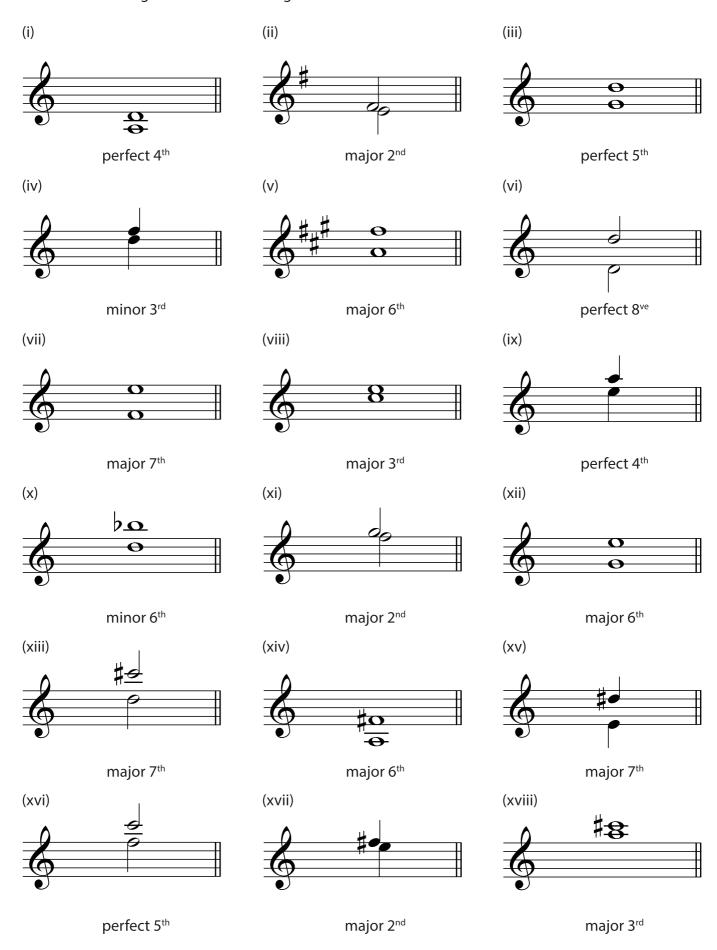


Lesson 3 – answers

(1) Name the following intervals. Give both number and quality. The first answer is given as an example.

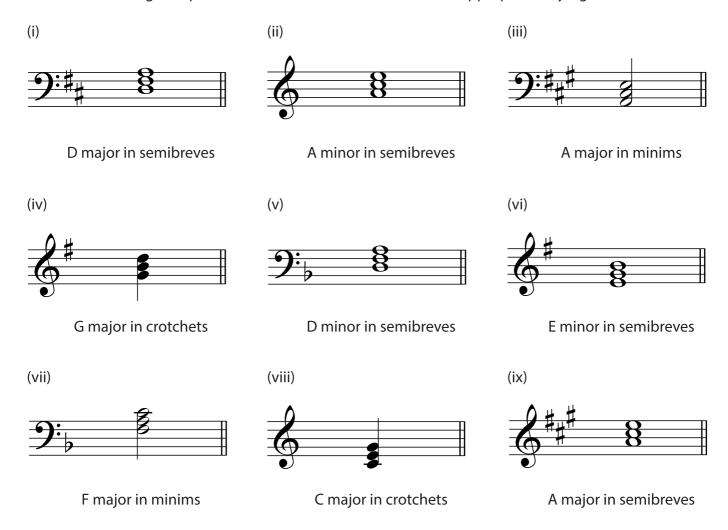


(2) Write the following intervals above the given tonic notes.



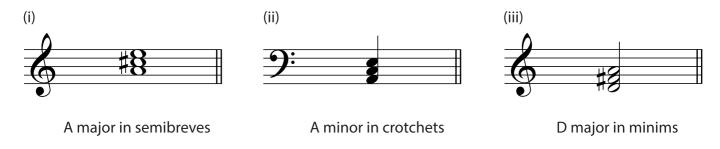
Lesson 4 – answers

(1) Write the following root position tonic triads as directed with the appropriate key signatures.



^{*}These are only suggested solutions to these questions. Other responses are possible.

(2) Write the following root position tonic triads as directed. Do not use a key signature; use accidentals as appropriate.



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Lesson 5 – answers

(1) Add time signatures to the following melodies:



(2) At each place marked with an arrow, add one note to complete the bar.

(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)



(v)



(vi)



Lesson 6 – answers

(1) $\frac{6}{8}$ time is described as compound duple time. Explain what this means.

Compound beats are divisible by 3. i.e. each beat consists of 3 quavers

 $\frac{6}{8}$ has two compound beats per bar.

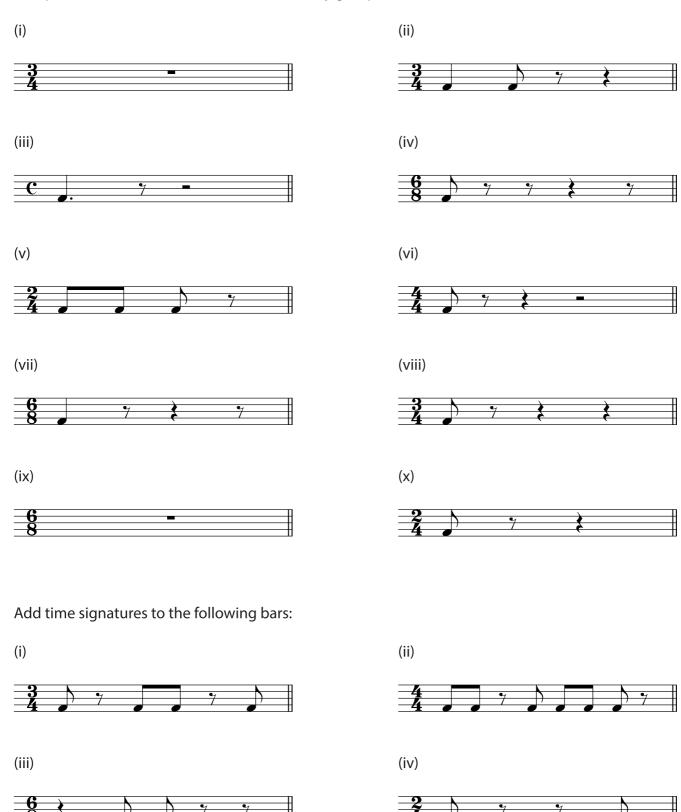
- (2) (i) How many quaver pulses are there in a ${}^{6}_{8}$ bar? ______6
 - (ii) How many dotted crotchet beats? 2
- (3) Explain how $\frac{6}{8}$ differs from $\frac{3}{4}$ time.
 - § has six quaver pulses grouped into two dotted crotchet beats in a configuration of strong, medium-strong
 - has six quaver pulses grouped into three crotchet beats in a configuration of strong, weak, weak.
- (4) Complete each of these bars with quavers, correctly grouped.
 - (i) (ii) **6** 7
- (5) At each place marked with an arrow, add one note to complete the bar.





Lesson 7 – answers

(1) Complete each of these bars with rests correctly grouped.



(2)

Lesson 8 – answers

(1) Transpose the following melody up into E minor. Write the new key signature.



(2) Transpose the following melody down into A major. Write the new key signature.



(3) Transpose the following melody up into D minor. Write the new key signature.



(4) Transpose the following melody down into F major. Write the new key signature.



(5) Transpose the following melody up into A minor.



(6) Transpose the following melody down into D major. Write the new key signature.



(7) Transpose this melody up into the key of G major. Write the new key signature.



Lesson 9 – answers

Binary

Form

Identify the form of each of the following melodies. Mark the main divisions using the letters AB or ABA and name the key.



D major

Key_



Lesson 10 - answers

Add an upright line before each accented word or syllable in the following couplets.

(i) |One, |two, |three, |four, |See the |cat jump |through the |door.

- |Sunrise | colours, | red and | gold, | What a | sight | to be | hold.
- |Lilies |floating |on a |pond, |Frogs are |croaking |in re|sponse.
- O the |snow it |melts the |soonest |When the |winds be|gin to |sing.
- The |mournful |sound was |heard by |all,
 A|cross the |heaving |waves.
- All |weary |from his |journey.

(vii)

|Ancient | trees stand | on the | plain, |Giving | shelter | from the | rain.

(vii)

The |croco|dile |and the |shark |Have so |many |teeth.

Lesson 11 – answers

(1) Study the melody below and then answer the following questions.



- (i) Name the key. E minor
 - (ii) Name the form. Ternary
 - (iii) Mark the main sections using the letters A and B.
 - (iv) Describe the time signature. Simple quadruple
 - (v) What is the English meaning of the term above the first note? Moderately fast
 - (vi) What is the English meaning of the term under the first note? Moderately soft
 - (vii) What is the meaning of the sign under the first note in bar 5? __Moderately loud
 - (viii) What is the meaning of the sign under bar 6? Gradually becoming softer
 - (ix) What is the meaning of the sign under the first note in bar 7? Very soft
 - (x) What is the English meaning of the term above bar 8? ___Quicker (more movement)
- (xi) Does this melody contain any accents? Yes or No? No
- (xii) What is the English meaning of the term above bar 10? Return to former speed
- (xiii) Describe in English how the quavers in bar 12 should be played. Moderately short and detached
- (xiv) What is the English meaning of the term above bar 13? Becoming broader

(2) Study the melody below and then answer the following questions.



- (i) What is the key of this melody? A major
- (ii) What is the English meaning of Vivace? Lively, spirited
- (iii) What is the English meaning of the sign under the first note? Moderately loud
- (iv) Does this melody contain a triplet? Yes or No? Yes
- (v) What is the English meaning of the term above bar 4? Sustained
- (vi) What is the meaning of the sign under the first note in bar 4? Moderately soft
- (vii) Does this melody contain a *diminuendo*? Yes or No? Yes
- (viii) What is the English meaning of meno mosso? Slower (less movement)
- (ix) What is the meaning of the sign under the last note in bar 8? Very loud
- (x) Does this melody contain a pause? Yes or No? No

Appendix: Grade 2 practice exam



The Universities of Melbourne, Adelaide and Western Australia, The Minister for Education in New South Wales,
The Minister for Education in Tasmania, through the University of Tasmania
and the Minister for Education in Queensland

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Time allowed: One and a half hours

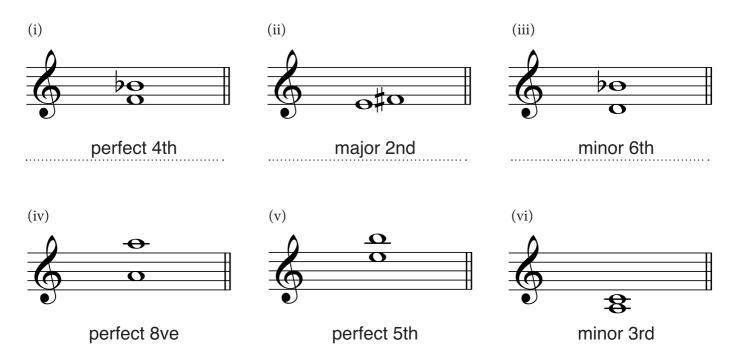
Write your candidate number in the space at the top of this paper. Write your answers neatly and clearly on this paper and return it to the Supervisor.

Question 1	INTERVALS	Total Marks 12
A		6
Write these intervals above the	given tonic notes.	
(i)	(ii)	(iii)
8		
minor 3rd	major 6th	perfect 5th
(iv)	(v)	(vi)
0	#0	
minor 6th	major 7th	perfect octave

В

6

Name these intervals by number and quality.





Write the scale of E harmonic minor.

- Write the key signature.
- Use minims.
- Write two octaves descending.
- Mark each semitone with a slur.
- Complete the scale with a double barline.



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6

Write the scale of D major.

- Do not write the key signature. Use accidentals.
- Use crotchets.
- Write one octave ascending and one octave descending.
- Mark each tone with a slur.
- Complete the scale with a double barline.



C



Name this scale.

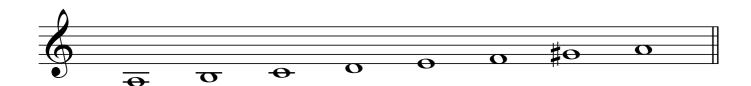


D (harmonic) minor

D

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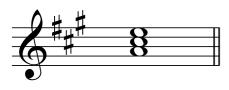
Add a clef and any accidentals necessary to make this an A harmonic minor scale.



For each of the following write

- the key signature.
- the tonic triad in root position.

(i)



A major

(ii)



E minor

(iii)



F major

Question 4 TIME and RHYTHM

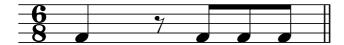
Total Marks 22

Α

6

Complete each bar with quavers grouped correctly.

(i)



(ii)



(iii)







8

Complete each bar under the arrow (\clubsuit) with a rest or rests in the correct order.

(i)



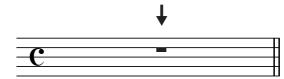
(ii)



(iii)



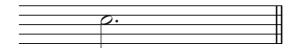
(iv)



C

2

Write and name the note which will take up a whole bar of ${\color{red} 6}{}$ time.



dotted minim

D

6

Place a tick (\checkmark) in the appropriate columns to correctly describe the following time signatures.

	Simple	Compound	Duple	Triple
6 8		✓	\	
2 4	✓		✓	
3 4	✓			✓

Transpose this melody up into D minor. Write the new key signature.



Question 6 CREATIVE Total Marks 8

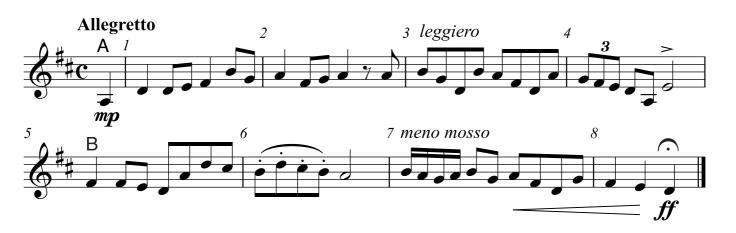
Place an upright line in front of each accented word or syllable in the following lines of poetry.

The birds are finding sticks for their nests

As springtime comes, so now no rest.

Α

11



Study the melody above and then answer the following questions.

(i)	Mark the main sections of the form with the letters AB or ABA.	2
(ii)	Name the form of the melody. binary	1
(iii)	What is the meaning of the term above the first note?	1
	moderately fast	
(iv)	What is the meaning of the sign under the first note?	1
	mezzo piano: moderately soft	
(v)	What is the English meaning of the term above bar 3? lightly	1
(vi)	What is the sign above the last note in bar 4? accent	1
(vii)	How are the quavers in bar 6 to be played?	1
	mezzo staccato: moderately short and detached	
(viii)	What is the meaning of the term above bar 7? slower	1
(ix)	What is the meaning of the sign under the D in bar 8? very loud	1
(x)	Draw a pause over the last note in bar 8.	1

D
0

3

Give the English meaning of each of the following terms.

(i)	allargando	becoming bro	ader

- (ii) cantabile in a singing style
- (iii) dal segno from the sign

C

4

Give the English meaning of each of the following signs.

(i)

pp very soft

(ii)

gradually becoming softer

(iii)

:||

repeat

(iv)

mf

moderately loud