

Grade 3 Theory Test Paper (ABRSM)



At the end of the How to Blitz! ABRSM Theory Grade 3 workbook, there is a test paper which has been completed with MANY wrong answers. The following test paper is the same as the workbook example. Once you've marked the version in the workbook, do this test paper yourself and see if you can get 100%!

(N.B. This uncompleted test paper is up to date with the 2018 syllabus changes)

Theory Paper Grade 3

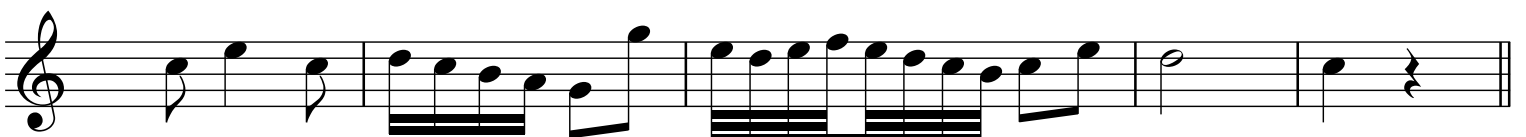
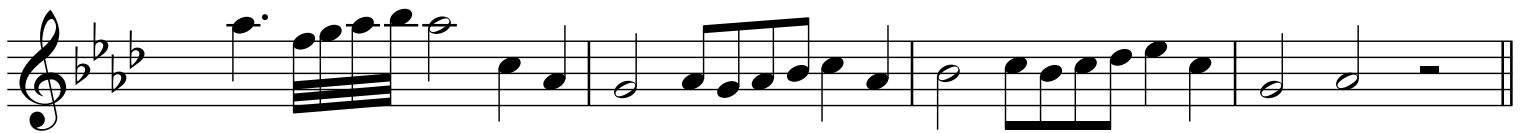
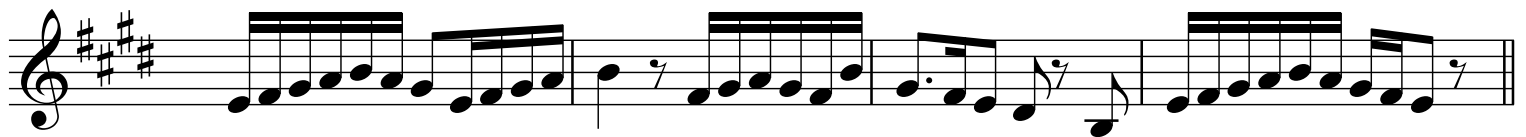
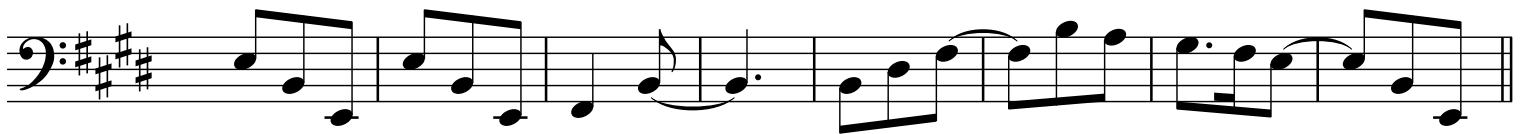
TOTAL MARKS
100


Time allowed: 1.5 hours

1 Write the correct time signature for each of these five melodies.


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They all begin on the first beat of the bar.



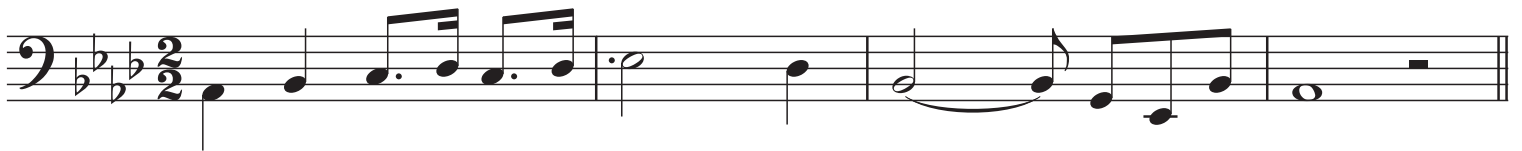
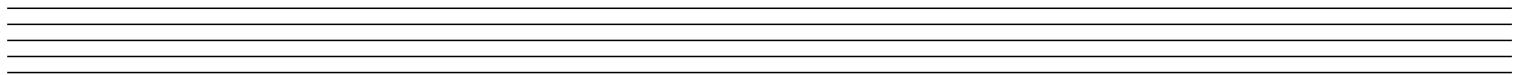
- 2 Write the time values  in the correct order, from the **longest** to the **shortest**. The first answer is given.

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- 3 This melody contains *five* deliberate mistakes. Rewrite it correctly on the given staff.

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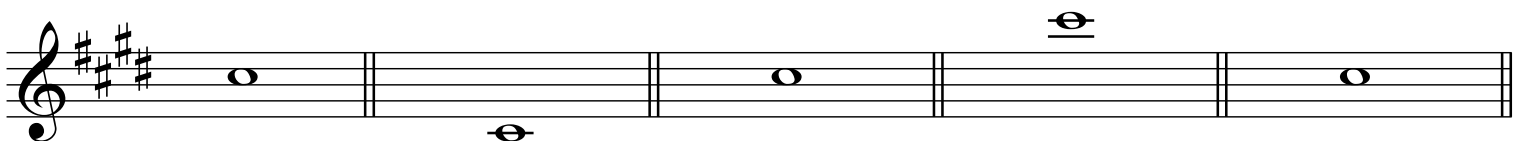
- 4 Add the correct rest/s at each place marked * to complete the bar.

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- 5 Above each of these notes write a *higher* note to form the named harmonic interval. The key is C# minor.

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minor 3rd

perfect 5th

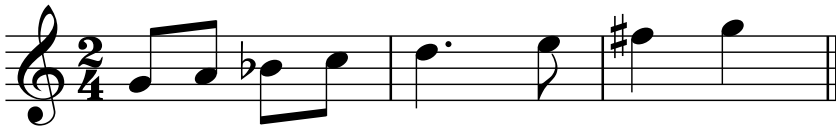
major 7th

major 2nd

perfect 8ve

6 Name the key of each of the following scales. Where the key is minor, state whether the scale is harmonic or melodic.

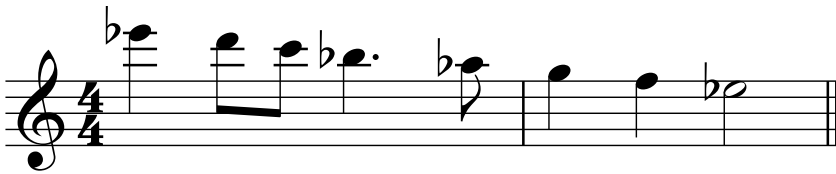
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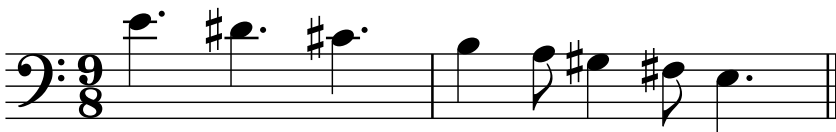
Key



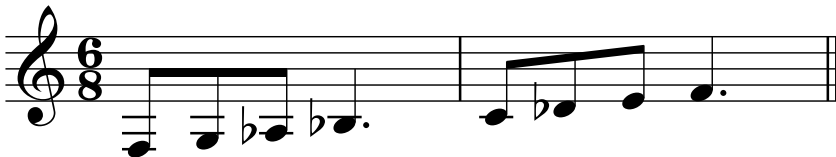
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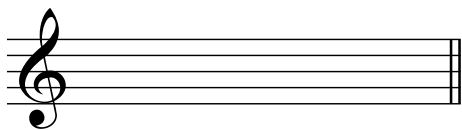
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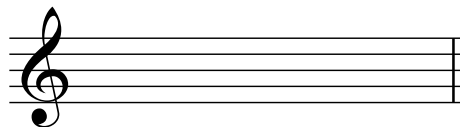
Key

7 Write the following tonic triads with the correct key signature.

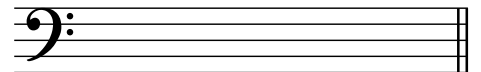
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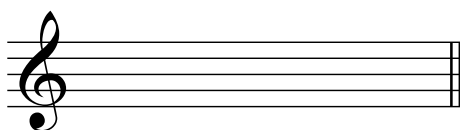
B^b major



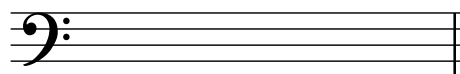
C minor



E major



B minor



A^b major

8 Tick one box for each term/sign, as shown in the first answer.

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Ben marcato means:

hold for the full value

without accent

well-marked

smoothly

Marziale means:

in a military style

playfully, joking

delicately

sadly

♩ means:

$\frac{2}{4}$

$\frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{6}{8}$

$\frac{2}{2}$

Largamente means:

broadly

heavy

with force

energetically

sempre staccato means:

smoothly

always short
and detached

without staccato

simply

con anima means:

with freedom of tempo

convenient,
comfortable

with determination

with feeling,
with spirit

9 Look at this melody by Chopin and then answer the questions below.

Rubato

semplice

a) Give the meaning of: 5

- (i) **Rubato**
- (ii) \frown (e.g. bars 1, 3, 5 and 7)
- (iii) *semplice*
- (iv) $\frac{3}{4}$ (give full definition)
- (v) \frown (e.g. bar 4)

b) (i) Which bars contain notes NOT belonging to A major?..... 5

- (ii) Name one similarity and one difference between bars 1, 3, 5 and 7.
 - Similarity
 - Difference
- (iii) How many FULL bars contain minims?
- (iv) What is the name of the horizontal line over each minim?
- (v) The first phrase has been marked with a square bracket. Mark the rest of the phrasing the same way.

c) Rewrite the melody from the beginning to the second beat of bar 4 an octave lower, using the bass clef as shown. 10