



GCE A level

1306/03

MUSIC – MU6B
(Part Three) Extended Study

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 18 June 2014

45 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer on **one** of the following options.

Either, (a) Ravel
or, (b) Shostakovich
or, (c) William Mathias

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Quality of written communication will be assessed in this paper.

The allocation of marks is given at the end of each question.

Either,

- (a) “I have failed in my life. I am not one of the great composers.” To what extent do you agree with Ravel’s estimation of his own stature as a composer? Refer to a variety of the composer’s works in different genres to support your opinion. [25]

Or,

- (b) Discussing the way in which opinion is divided as to the quality of Shostakovich’s music, Gerard McBurney has stated that some musicians consider it to be “derivative, trashy, empty and second-hand”. To what extent do you agree with this adverse view of Shostakovich’s musical style? Refer to a variety of the composer’s works in different genres to support your opinion. [25]

Or,

- (c) “Exceptionally versatile and skilled in his ability to write for any medium.” To what extent do you agree with this assessment of Mathias by David Wright? Refer to a variety of the composer’s works in different genres to support your opinion. [25]

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