

Music Higher level Listening paper

Friday 22 May 2015 (morning)

2 hours 30 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer either question 1 or question 2. Answer question 3.
- · Clean scores of the prescribed works must be used.
- Section B: answer either question 4 or question 5. Answer both question 6 and question 7.
 The score required for question 4 is in the score booklet provided.
 Questions 4 to 7 correspond to tracks 1 to 4 on the compact disc provided.
 You may listen to the tracks as many times as you wish.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is [100 marks].

Section A

Answer **either** question 1 **or** question 2.

Answer question 3.

Question 1 refers to the work *An American in Paris* by **G Gershwin**.

Question 2 refers to the work *Petite Messe Solennelle* by **G Rossini**.

Question 3 refers to both works.

Justify your answers with reference to the works by Gershwin and by Rossini.

Evidence should be located by using bar(s)/measure(s), rehearsal number(s), and/or instrument(s) in the works/excerpts.

Either

1. An American in Paris by G Gershwin

During his lifetime, some music critics opposed categorizing Gershwin as a western art music composer. Discuss whether you think this categorization was right or wrong. Justify your position with clear reference to **at least three** different passages in this score.

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Or

2. Petite Messe Solennelle by G Rossini

Discuss the relationship between the instrumental and vocal parts in one or more passages from each of **the following three** movements:

- Kyrie (section 1 of the Mass)
- Cum Sancto Spiritu (movement 6 of the Gloria section)
- Credo in unum Deum (movement 1 of the Credo section)

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3. An American in Paris by G Gershwin and Petite Messe Solennelle by G Rossini
Compare and contrast the rhythmic character of each of the prescribed works, emphasizing
the presence of any significant rhythmical links.

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Section B

Answer **either** question 4 **or** question 5. Answer **both** question 6 **and** question 7.

Answers should include relevant **musical**:

- elements: such as (but not limited to) duration, pitch, tonality, timbre/tone colour, texture, dynamics
- · structure: such as (but not limited to) form, phrases, motifs
- · terminology and its appropriate use
- · context: such as (but not limited to) cultural, historical and stylistic context.

Justify your answers with reference to evidence from the excerpts.

Evidence should be located by using bar(s)/measure(s), rehearsal number(s), and/or instrument(s) where a score is provided; and by using timings (minutes and seconds) where no score is provided.

Either

4. Allegretto con Variazioni from Quintet in A Major for Clarinet and Strings, K 581 by WA Mozart

(score provided)

With clear reference to the score provided, analyse, examine and discuss in detail what you hear in this excerpt.

Or

5. Sunday Morning from Peter Grimes – Four Sea Interludes, Op 33a by B Britten (no score provided)

Analyse, examine and discuss in detail what you hear in this extract.

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6. Unidentified piece

(no score provided)

Analyse, examine and discuss in detail what you hear in this extract.

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7. Unidentified piece

(no score provided)

Analyse, examine and discuss in detail what you hear in this extract.

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