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#### Introduction

This paper tests the three diverse musical skills of aural awareness and perception, based on familiar music from the prescribed instrumental and vocal lists for 2011.

The essay questions test knowledge of the music through stylistic analysis and require the ability to compare and contrast two musical features across two of the pieces.

The final section tests simple harmonic analysis of a passage of unfamiliar music and a final chord completion exercise from a given incipit.

In terms of assessment, the two listening questions (Q1and 2) have 16 marks each. The two essays (Q3 (a) or (b) at the candidate's choice) are 10 and 18 marks respectively. The harmony questions together have 20 marks (Q4 is out of 8 and Q5 out of 12 marks).

In the listening questions examiners are looking for good aural skills applied to the music of the extracts. This includes a working knowledge of chords, keys and cadences as well as the use of common musical devices such as sequence, pedal, suspension etc. Stylistic features, too, are tested - for example, the rhythmic and harmonic conventions in Jazz music as seen in the Gershwin piece. The weak candidates clearly had little idea about the use of devices in the music or any of the stylistic features in Haydn and Gershwin. This said, there has been a generally-noted marked improvement on these questions this year.

The essay questions are written without reference to the anthology. It is impressive how much musical detail had been learnt by the able candidates, including apposite musical references to the score. Many of these were also written in lucid prose. In the comparison question, the able candidates were able to highlight common elements in the two works, as well as pointing out the essential differences, Conversely, weak candidates only managed staccato bullet point responses with little factual information. Skills here in comparative writing were lacking or absent.

In the harmony questions, there was a clear divide between those who had clearly followed a course in harmony and those who had not. The able candidates wrote stylistically and demonstrated a good harmonic repertoire alongside effective and idiomatic part writing for SATB voices.

In terms of future teaching, learning and preparation for this paper, it is important that candidates listen to the prescribed works many times to internalise the music and become familiar with the structure, form and style of the works. The essay questions need to be practised over the year and key facts carefully learnt. Harmony work will improve with *regular* exercises and should be developmental in approach ie from writing formulaic cadential progressions, up to the complete five chords of the phrase.

#### Question 1 (b)

Recognition of cadences (and chords) is needed in order to answer this type of question which asks about how keys are established. The mark scheme allowed reference to either bar 1 or 2 or both.

(b) Give **one** way in which the key of E flat major is established in the first two bars of the excerpt.

Perfect cadence - 1-V7-1 in E6 major

(1)

**Results**Plus **Examiner Comments** A clear answer, using reference to chords and the cadence in Eb major.

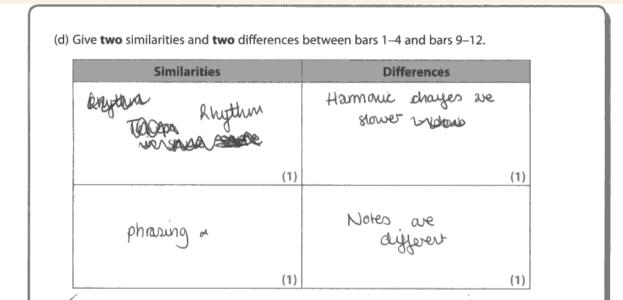
(A Name the key and cadence from har 7 (heat 2) to har 8 (heat 1)

#### Question 1 (c)

A straightforward question, in which a large percentage of the candidature achieved full marks.

#### Question 1 (d)

A disappointing response in general. Similarities were more successfully observed than the differences.



(A Name the type of dissonance heard at the start of har 14 - Supremum



#### Question 1 (e)

The question clearly asked for a **dissonance** to be named. Many candidates correctly answered with *suspension* or *appoggiatura*.

#### Question 1 (f) (i)

Most candidates scored at least one mark here, by commenting on *repetition* of the phrase in question. However, not many were able to notice that bar 21 was the same as bar 17 (or 19).

(f) (i) Give two ways in which the melody of bars 17–18 is used in bars 19–21. Low $17 - 1\%$ (2)	
1 repeated at bors 19-20 - identical	
2 MANNAN ber 19 played at ber 21	
(ii) Describe the harmonic rhythm (rate of chord change) in hars 17, 21	
Results Pus Examiner Comments This was an excellent response, identifying two different aspects of the repetition. <i>Repetition</i> on its own only received one mark.	

#### Question 1 (f) (ii)

Most candidates seemed to understand the concept of harmonic rhythm. However, too many just said *slower* or, even worse, *faster*!

(ii) Describe the harmonic rhythm (rate of chord change) in bars 17–21.

(1)

new chord per bar

(a) What musical device is beard in the cello part from har 16 to har 392



If a question is asked about harmonic rhythm, it would be expected that the candidate would make a precise answer such as here *a new chord per bar* meaning one chord per bar, instead of three chords.

#### Question 1 (g)

This question was well-answered in the main.

#### Question 1 (h)

Describing the cello part caused problems for many candidates. Not many achieved two marks here.

The mark scheme encompasses responses about the role of the instrument (harmonic bass/accompaniment/ plays bass notes of chords), as well as comments about articulation (mostly detached (staccato) with some sustained notes).

(h) Describe the cello part in bars 29–36.	(2)
1 plays quarer notes starcato	
2 accompanies violins with I-V-InE	b then
(i) What is the touture of the music throughout the surgers is V-1 in 80	



In this response the candidate has made two different (and correct) observations ie *staccato* and *accompanies*.

#### Question 1 (i)

A straightforward question that caused no problems for most of the candidature.

#### Question 2 (b)

There were some good answers here, displaying real aural awareness. However, many candidates often used the term *imitation* instead of *echoes* or *repeats*.

(b) Comment on how the following instruments are used in the introduction. Clarinet (2)Falls through every itch of a meladic & minor scale in Thirds Bells (1)On off best from ber 6-7 (bes best 2 and 4) (c) (i) Name the type of solo voice **Examiner Comments** There are two clear points in the clarinet response ie descending (1) thirds (1) and one off beat in the **bells** response. (b) Comment on how the following instruments are used in the introduction. Manners Lan Harris Clarinet (2) Minor 3 des on B minor signify the the minor hey 6) the price \_ oscillatery on G# and At# -> 6#07# 6) wave and augurentation B melodic minor g Bells (1)Oscilating GH & Att - Gen 7 74 9 Burelodic unai - enhance clarinet (c) (i) Name the type of solo voice **Results**P **Examiner Comments** A most comprehensive response, full of detail.

## Question 2 (c) (i)

Almost all candidates mentioned *Soprano*. Some even named the singer on the recording as well!

#### Question 2 (c) (ii)

*Syllabic* was the correct response. This was well-answered, although some candidates muddled *syllabic* with *melismatic*.

#### Question 2 (c) (iii)

A generous mark scheme allowed sliding/glissando/vibrato, in addition to the desired *portamento*.

#### Question 2 (d)

A pleasing response to this question. The most common responses were *swing* and *syncopated* rhythms. Others went for *push* and *lean* and a very few cleverly observed *triplet crotchets*.

### Question 2 (e) (i)

Added 6th chord was the correct response and most candidates had no difficulty with this question.

#### Question 2 (e) (ii)

The mark scheme allowed for a variety of comments on the harmony of the extract, including reference to 16 bar blues, chords with added 7ths/9ths, false relations, parallel chords and chromatic, dissonant harmony.

 (ii) Name one other feature of the harmony in the excerpt. (1) Chromatic chards the (c <sup>#</sup> mor <sup>+</sup> in 4 (3 <sup>4</sup> ) in peretetered; poralel cherchs
Results Pus Examiner Comments There were many possibilities in the mark scheme. This candidate found three for the one mark!

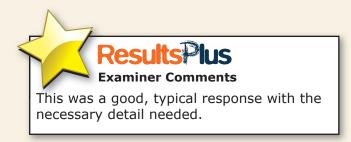
#### Question 2 (f)

This type of comparison question is not easy. However, most candidates managed to observe at least one difference or one similarity. Only the best candidates managed two correct answers.

(f) Compare the melody line of bars 7–11 and bars 15–19. Give one difference and one similarity.

Difference Rhythurs Change 'doddy's rich'-dotted rhythurs similarity Some pitch, (effected pottern (with real slide)

(a) Which of the following describes the phrase structure of the vocal melody?

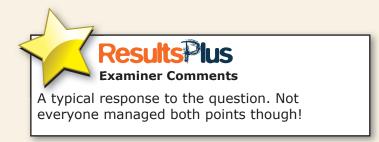


(2)

#### Question 2 (h)

This was a straightforward context-related question. Most candidates mentioned use of the backing singers in the second verse, but not everyone mentioned the violin playing a counter-melody. Some of the best candidates observed that the melody was doubled by the oboe and that there is a circle of 5ths in the harmony.

(h) The excerpt consists of the first verse only. introduce in the accompaniment of the sec	
	(2)
avinin conternelode	1 and worldless origing
Gons' by women. St	y and worldless origing onto off in 2 part then (Total for Question 2 = 16 marks)
three at the end.	(Total for Question 2 = 16 marks)



#### Question 3 (a)

(i) Webern. Most candidates easily accumulated 10 credit points. This essay was really very well done, with many specific score details used to substantiate points made.

(ii) Bach/ Tippett comparison. Very well done in the main. An impressive list of keys and bar numbers mentioned under tonality on both works.

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quarret -	Clannet, Tenor	satsphare, Violus a	nd piano Thi
is an u	nus und ensemt	le march. His	1.00000

choice of instruments actions quies the nice different timbre sounds - this helps with the idia matic Klangfarbenmelodie. This is etta unen alle notes are passed around the different parts for a colour effect. It was a very popular thing to do during the 20th century. Merecons Another feature that oraces this piece was compared in the 1900's is the very space texture. There are times of almost mononinony. The rests are used for dramatic effect as they help the pointlion - Notes appearing through rests as dots of colour. This is idiomatic of the senalist technique. Another point about the texture is the use of numer canous. The notes played are minimed by an invention of it snaight after. The revene of this is seen at the beginning 3) the piece when the satophone plays an inversion of the now and the now mumors it but in its normal venion One obnois feature is that this piece is Atonal. There are us functional hamisies and the piece has much dissonance. There are no harmonic devices like prime series cadences. The use of the towardow shows that this prece is senalism. This is using 12 notes in a set order Atvorghout but it can be modified through inversion, or retrograde inversor. The amoun in the plans part tell the performer which way to spread the chord

and also indicate the order of the tone vow -Webern shicks to the order throughout. The tone row that webern uses 63, Made iff top includes 5 semitione intervals and one augmented 4th (F# -> C4) - this is endence for dissonance. The piece has detailed marking at every entry for each part. The precision is a feature of 20th centery writing. There is Another feature is that the melody is very disjunct with angular leaps and large intenals - the volin reaches its highest whe during the climar (22) - this is the loudest part of the pièce. There is detailed dynamics and arriculation. During the durinar the volum is told to alternate between and (wouring) and pizzicare (pluched) Mara To Extreme dissonance · Verticalisation · Extreme dynamics · precise detail - mit dauger (vion) with mute · extended techniques - prizzicato · No sense of nulse / tempo due to playing across teas and her lies - not often mores on first tear of bar

(ii) Plan Structure a tonaling Both stat D major I modulation Rounded Binany-Bach -P Tippett -> Sonata Could be seen as nitrimello) - modes Timest ROTTLA Rounded Bunary Stuchure Sonata HA II [ onality] DMayor tonal centre (A) modeo Answer The Sarabande and Gigue are total Rounded binary form unich is AB but both sections have repeats. The Sarabarde and Gigue are both in O mayor and throughout each section they modulate through various related Keys. The sararas hegins is D neup but at bar 5 it charges to the A mayor. Throughout the A section it also has temporary movement to Emgjor. It finishes section A in the dominant key of A major. The B section 6) the sarabande is also in D major but stars off in A major and modulates to Bnurer withing the first few bas - there is a dominant see broken and son bar 14. It later goes enryl vanois other news but finishes in Drayor. In the final part of the B section it plays parts of the Asection but transposed and slightly modified. Within the Key there are ransis chromatic

notes and dissonances to most of them are added my the performer and they mainly occur in the repeates of each section (idismalic of Basque). The tonaling of the gigue is similar to that of the Sarabarde. The Abrohen chordres at the beginning signify that the mareneet is also in D. It too goes finishes the fist section is the downert key of A major. The 2 sections of the Gigis are the same length, this is unusual normally the B section is larger. The Breation goes shring F# nuiv and Emission before returning the the tour key of D major. It finishes on a nefect adence of 176-V.-1. \* The Neopolizion 6th in bar 23 is an erauple of about interest - it is the major chard of the flattered supertonie. The Druble Concerto for Shigh Orchestra has a Sonata form structure: (2-67) - Exposition (68-128) - Development (129-193) - Recapitulition 194-132)-CODA The preise movement and be seen as similar to the Barque Ritournelle structure but the CODA at the end makes it more likely to be sonata. The ampiguity of the key makes it difficult to the tell the form of the niece. There is no opinions key but

three is a tonal centre of A? are to the starting note being a A and shore is an A in the Typett uses modes staroughout final chard. the movement. The lydian mode (mode on f with a shappened 4th) is used in bar el but is a transposed version on C. The B section during the Exposition has a tonal centre of (g). The Development contains never many examples of tonal analguing and the final chord of the marenest is a bare fifth A and E mut no thind in the muddle so there is no certainty to unether it is major or minor. The major second interval of quares characteristic of the pieces mais needed is changed to minor 2nds at bar 21 so this also creates consider tonally. Back uses a hey signature and modulates through related news throughout the movement. Typett creates ankiguity through the use G modes and using tonal centres instead of Key signatures. Back uses mayor and minor heys and within their he was harmonic dences such as secondary domining (Gigue has chord V of lempoory key Emquir). Tinpett is more unusual and does while the uses his own technique



#### Question 3 (b)

(i) Britpop question. This was very well answered in the main. Many candidates were able to highlight 10 features of the style and received further credit for location marks.

(ii) Dowland/Berio comparison question. As these were obviously quite diverse works stylistically, candidates found it fairly straightforward to compare the structures and melodic parts.

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E. S. I Walking on by? conjunct melody synatric wordsetting and short melismas at the end of phrases contribute to it being Britpop Also Rhythmically, with a supple groudouple & me Signature ondure of light syncopation. The opening with the prano quare novements links with Lennon's song (Imagine, Bnt pop essentially being a new "electripied" Borversion of the 60s and 70s era music.

• The howmony of the piece limited use of chords in the piece as a contribute to and use of the pero pentationic scale also makes it essentially brit pop. There anallowoung is use of Chrimothic hormony of Fm7 and after the F major Chora and a G# from the E major chord that gives interest to the piece. But essentially the E piece stays in C Mgior reiver modulating.

• The use of a solo vocalist, to be badguter, bass line and anims and in this piece the a pionoand atambourne which appears from the module of the precharus. The suitar hashicks in between vocal process often canying anuity the melody line. Sight distornin is used curlike American Grundye and also pitch beroling, as the bad guitor also using the some we are on the bad guitor also using the some we are on the day unich also has drum fills accasionally; after the pre fuitar led precharus it has a thrum fill

that constate of sexpiplets. The bass drum Brd beat of the box and the snare plays on the 2rd and at beat. While the formbourne plays a continuous serviquaner pattern · A nellomme looged in and reverb are Used in the piece, as averal the vocal line is also double marched to provide more seight. . The harmony also found is concordent, 36(ii) Flow my teas Sequenza for solo voice · The structure of flow my o There is no get out shucture tears is pavan form for this piece. Bas as it is through composed, consisting ABC · Whene A.B. E section A.B. ( ) mony episodes - Entrance of a woman one each repeated 11:A:11:B:11:C · Sec AK Ends with a pefect - contrasting moods - distributes singing Cadence with a hierce dopicordie Whereas sec B endowith a - Anxiety attack - Caliming a cittle Inpefect codesce (Physicas Sec. Ateccherty - Anxiety attack?

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· Word painting con be seen:	
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Pin a random order.



Two good essays, with many stylistic details and credit-worthy points.

#### Question 4 (a)

Candidates had no difficulty in answering this question. The only chord mis-read tended to be the second chord (bar 2 beats 1 and 2) which was chord VI. Many chose chord IV.

**4** Study the printed music for this question in the skeleton score booklet and answer all the questions that follow.

(a) Complete the table below to give a harmonic analysis of bars 1 – 4. Precisely indicate, using Roman numerals and (if necessary) inversion letters, the chords that are used. The key is G major.

(5)

Bar 1, beat 1	I
Bar 1, beats 2 and 3	$\vee$
Bar 2, beats 1 and 2	$\vee$
Bar 2, beat 3	Ib
Bar 3	IV
Bar 4	I

(b) Identify the key in bars 13–16.



#### Question 4 (b)

The accidentals in the score and shape of the melodic line helped to point the way to A minor for this modulation.

#### Question 4 (c)

The correct response of *sequence* was made by most of the candidates.

#### **Question 5**

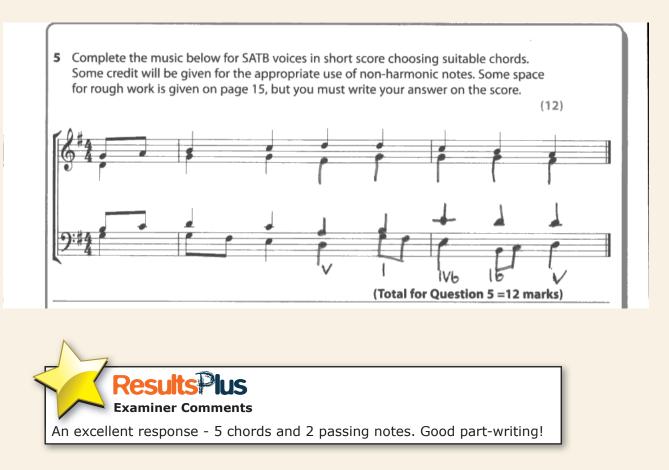
The completion required five chords ending in an imperfect cadence in G major. A variety of responses ensued from the excellent to the very weak. Common errors included:

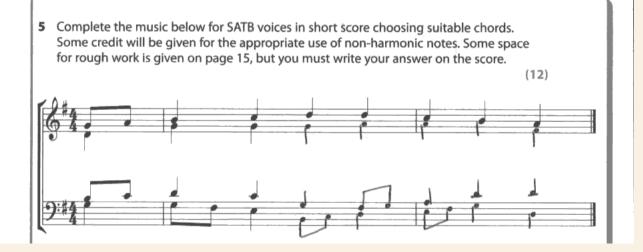
- \* consecutive 5ths and 8ths
- \* inappropriate chords

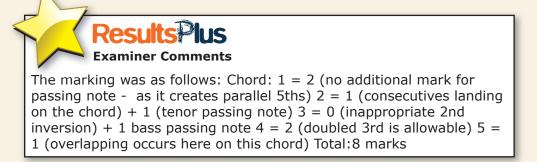
 $\ast$  poor part writing - angular intervals/crossing parts/more than an octave between alto and tenor etc

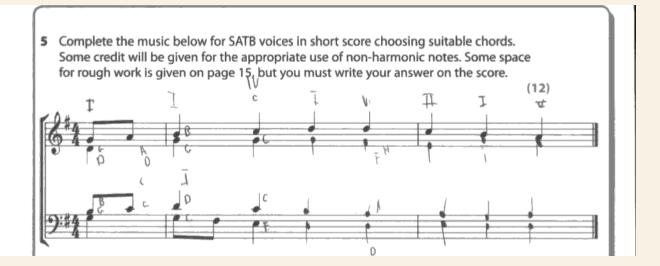
- \* an essential note of the chord missing
- \* the leading note doubled
- \* use of IIc as third chord (1st beat of bar)

Extra credit was given for passing/auxillary notes. Also for a correctly prepared and resolved dominant 7th.











The marks were allocated as follows: Chord: 1 = 1 (because 2nd inversion - inappropriate) 2 = 2 (correct chord with no errors) 3 = 0 (use of IIc - see mark scheme) 4 = 1 (2nd inversion - inappropriate) 5 = 2 (correct chord with no errors) Total 6 marks

#### **Paper Summary**

In order to improve their performance, candidates should bear in mind the following advice.

\* Listen thoroughly to the prescribed works, to internalise the music effectively and then be able accurately to identify sections of the pieces at random (ie not just the opening section). The extracts are short (no more than 60 seconds or so), thus it is important to be able to identify quickly exactly where we are in the music on the CD.

\* To take note of the salient stylistic features of the pieces and to understand how the structure works in terms of themes, keys etc. Production of 'key fact' cards is helpful in this task.

\* For the essays, it is important to analyse the essential features of the musical elements in each piece, such as the structure, tonality, melody writing, rhythmic features, harmony, instrumentation as well as any other particular stylistic traits.

\* As the anthology (NAM) is not permitted in the examination room, it is worth learning bar numbers or passages to support points raised in an essay eg *there is a long dominant pedal at the start of the second section*, in order to gain extra credit. These are called location marks.

\* The recognition of basic chords (I,II,IV,V,VI) is important for the question on harmonic analysis.

\* The final question on completion of five chords requires an understanding of good harmony. Candidates should practice writing the formulaic cadential progressions such as Ic-V7-I, II7b-V7-I, and so on. It also requires an awareness of checking the part-writing for consecutive 5ths and 8ths.

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