



WESTERN ART MUSIC

ATAR course examination 2023

Marking key

Marking keys are an explicit statement about what the examining panel expect of candidates when they respond to particular examination items. They help ensure a consistent interpretation of the criteria that guide the awarding of marks.

Section One: Aural and analysis**36% (57 Marks)****Question 1: Interval recognition****(2 marks)**

There are two prominent, recurring melodic intervals that form the accompaniment to the voice. One is located in the bass part and one in the synthesiser part. Name the **two** intervals.

Description	Marks
major 2 nd (bass)	1
minor 2 nd (synthesiser)	1
Total	2

Question 2: Recognition of tonality and modulation**(4 marks)**

For each of the following excerpts, circle the **tonality** at the beginning of the track, and the **modulation** that is evident by the end of the track.

Description	Marks
minor – to the relative major	1–2
major – no modulation	1–2
Total	4

Question 3: Rhythmic dictation

(12 marks)

Listen to Track 4 and/or Track 5 and complete the following eight-bar dictation by providing bar lines, rhythm and tie(s) as required to the given pitches. The correct rhythm for the first note of each phrase is provided. Alter noteheads as required to reflect the rhythm played.

Description	Marks
Rhythm	
35 values correct	8
31–34 values correct	7
27–30 values correct	6
23–26 values correct	5
18–22 values correct	4
13–17 values correct	3
7–12 values correct	2
1–6 values correct	1
Subtotal	8
Bar lines	
all bar lines correct	1
Subtotal	1
Ties	
one tie added correctly	1
Subtotal	1
Rhythmic grouping	
all rhythmic grouping correct (for $\frac{6}{8}$)	1
Subtotal	1
Stem directions	
all stem directions correct (according to grouping)	1
Subtotal	1
Total	12

Question 4: Discrepancies

(7 marks)

Listen to the excerpt and consider the corresponding piano reduction below.

There are **seven** errors in the score provided, as follows:

- the correct time signature is missing
- there are three pitch errors
- there are rhythm errors affecting two beats
- there is one tie missing

Write the required changes directly onto the score to reflect how it is being played.

The first note is correct.

Moderate

Description	Marks
simple quadruple time signature	1
	1
C# accidental (Bar 1, beat 3, 4th semiquaver)	1
	1
tie (Bar 2, between beat 3-4th semiquaver and beat 4 – 1st semiquaver)	1
	1
E# accidental (Bar 2, beat 4 – 2nd semiquaver)	1
	1
F# accidental (Bar 2, beat 4 – 4th semiquaver)	1
	1
dotted quaver and semiquaver (Bar 3, beat 3)	1
	1
semiquaver beam between Bb and G (Bar 4, Beat 4 (1st and 2nd noteheads))	1
	1
Total	7

Question 5: Harmonic/chord progression**(9 marks)**

Identify the **nine** chords heard in the accompaniment part of this excerpt, indicated by boxes labelled (a) to (i) below the score.

Use Roman numerals **or** chord names in A major.

The chord for the first bar is provided. It is the tonic chord.

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Description	Marks
Chord	
(a) V or E major	1
(b) vi or F# minor	1
(c) IV or D major	1
(d) IV or D major	1
(e) I or A major	1
(f) V or E major	1
(g) ii or B minor	1
(h) vi or F# minor	1
(i) IV or D major	1
Total	9

Question 6: Melodic dictation

(11 marks)

Listen to Track 8 and/or Track 9 and complete the following eight-bar dictation by providing the pitch and rhythm. The correct first note of each phrase is given.

Description	Marks
Pitch	
27 pitches correct	8
24–26 pitches correct	7
20–23 pitches correct	6
16–19 pitches correct	5
12–15 pitches correct	4
8–11 pitches correct	3
4–7 pitches correct	2
1–3 pitches correct	1
Subtotal	8
Rhythm	
all rhythm correct	2
1–4 rhythm errors	1
Subtotal	2
Rhythmic grouping	
all rhythmic grouping correct (for $\frac{3}{4}$)	1
Subtotal	1
Total	11

Question 7: Aural analysis**(12 marks)**

- (a) Name the **three** instruments playing and provide a term that describes accurately the way the tempo is being performed. (4 marks)

Description	Marks
double bass, guitar, trumpet	1–3
rubato	1
Total	4

- (b) Identify the texture evident in this excerpt, and the tonality of the final chord. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
polyphonic/multi-voice	1
minor	1
Total	2

- (c) Name the **two** time signatures used interchangeably in this excerpt. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
6	1
8	1
Total	2

- (d) Identify the **two** instrument families evident. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
woodwind	1
string	1
Total	2

- (e) Identify the time signature and name the compositional device evident in the bass line. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
7	1
ostinato/riff	1
Total	2

Section Two: Cultural and historical analysis**34% (50 Marks)****Part A: Analysis****11% (11 Marks)****Question 8****(11 marks)**

Refer to pages 14–21 of the Score booklet to answer this question.

- (a) (i) Identify the movement number of this symphony excerpt. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
3rd movement	1
Total	1

- (ii) Name **one** distinct point to support your choice of movement. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
Any one of	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • metre – time signature triple metre • use of <i>scherzando giacasa</i> in tempo marking 	1
Total	1

- (iii) From your knowledge of the genre, state a likely form for the movement identified in part (a)(i). (1 mark)

Description	Marks
Scherzo (Scherzo and Trio)	1
Total	1

- (b) (i) Name the era that this excerpt is most likely to represent. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
Romantic	1
Total	1

- (ii) Referring to the use of melody, outline **one** reason to justify your answer. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
Any one of	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • main melody is distributed between instrumental families and is not dominated by the strings • use of chromaticism evident in melodic line • longer melodies • consists of some irregular phrases 	1
Total	1
Accept other relevant answers.	

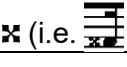
- (c) Name the key of the opening of the excerpt. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
C minor	1
Total	1

- (d) Complete the table below by naming the compositional devices evident at the following score locations. (2 marks)

Description			Marks
Bar number	Instrument family	Compositional device	
33–38	woodwinds	imitation	1
47–48	strings	sequence	1
Total			2

- (e) Outline what is meant by the score directions at the following score locations. (3 marks)

Description			Marks
Bar number	Score direction	Explanation of score direction	
20	arco	to play with the bow	1
42	x (i.e. )	double sharp - to raise the note by two semitones	1
90	a2	both players to play the line	1
		Total	3

Part B: Short response**23% (39 Marks)****Part B(i): Compulsory area of study****11% (24 Marks)****Question 9****(24 marks)**

- (a) (i) Given that this movement is in sonata form, name the specific section within the movement that this excerpt represents. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
exposition	1
Total	1

- (ii) Describe how the violins would play bars 6–7. (1 mark)

Description	Mark
violins subdivide evenly into semiquavers	1
Total	1

- (iii) Identify the cadence reached by bar 12. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
imperfect	1
Total	1

- (iv) Complete the table by identifying the key and the melodic material evident at the score locations provided. (4 marks)

Description			Marks
Instrument and score location	Key	Melodic material	
Bars 13–16, Flute	C major	countermelody to theme 1/P1 (accept P1c)	1–2
Bars 45–47, Violin 1	G major	theme 2 (accept S1)	1–2
			Total 4

- (v) Identify **two** different compositional devices evident between bars 28–35, stating an instrument that plays the device. (2 marks)

Description		Marks
Compositional device evident	Instrument playing that device	
sequence	bassoon/violins/cello	1
pedal/pedal point	bass/viola/timpani/horn/oboe/flute	1
Both related aspects required to receive each mark		
		Total 2

- (vi) Name the chord evident at bar 44 and state the function of this chord at this point of the movement. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
D major	1
it is the dominant of the dominant	1
Total	2

- (b) (i) Given that this movement is in sonata form, name the specific section within the movement that this excerpt represents. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
development	1
Total	1

- (ii) Name the instrument that makes its first entry at bar 31. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
tuba	1
Total	1

- (iii) Identify the theme evident at the following score locations. (2 marks)

Description		Marks
Score location and instrument	Theme	
Any one of		
Bars 13–14, Viola	1 st subject	1
Bars 25–27, Clarinet	2 nd subject	1
Total	2	

- (iv) Identify the key and the first chord (using a Roman numeral) at bar 42. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
A major	1
I ^b	1
Total	2

- (v) Outline **two** specific points regarding the significance of the thematic material of the slow introduction to the first movement (the motto theme). (2 marks)

Description	Marks
it recurs in all movements of the symphony	1
it is the theme from which other themes grow	1
Total	2

- (vi) Identify the scale the motto theme is based on. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
natural minor/aeolian mode	1
Total	1

Question 9 (continued)

- (c) Complete the table below. For each of the elements of music listed, state a specific example drawn from the first movement of each of your symphony designated works, that is reflective of the time period the work was written in. (4 marks)

Element of music	Description		Marks
	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	
Rhythm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> constant rhythms for the most part – crotchets/quavers/semiquavers, although some use of fermata 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> complex rhythms – heavy use of syncopation use of pause/silence for effect 	1–2
Key relationships of thematic material (pitch)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> predominately maintains tonic/dominant key relationships within movement (1st subject C major, 2nd subject G major) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the relationship between the two main keys is a major 2 rather than traditional dominant (1st subject E minor, 2nd subject D major) 	1–2
Accept other relevant answers.		Total	4

Part B(ii): Non-compulsory area of study**12% (15 Marks)****Question 10****(15 marks)**

- (a) Discuss the use of instrumentation/orchestration in **one** of your designated works.
Provide specific examples of the application of instrumentation/orchestration drawn from your chosen designated work. (7 marks)

Description	Marks
Use of instrumentation/orchestration	
Discusses the use of instrumentation/orchestration with specific detail	4
Discusses the use of instrumentation/orchestration with some detail	3
Describes instrumentation/orchestration; however, lacks specificity and/or contains some inaccuracies	2
Provides some limited description about instrumentation/orchestration	1
Subtotal	4
Reference to designated work	
Makes specific, accurate supporting reference to designated work	3
Makes some accurate supporting reference to designated work	2
Makes limited or generally inaccurate reference to designated work	1
Subtotal	3
Total	7

(b)

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- Discuss the extent to which **one** of your designated works represents musical evolution and transformation. (8 marks)

Description	Marks
Discuss the extent to which the designated work represents musical evolution and transformation	
Discusses the extent to which the designated work represents musical evolution and transformation	5
Describes in some detail the extent to which the designated work represents musical evolution and transformation	4
Provides some relevant and accurate points as to the extent to which the designated work represents musical evolution and transformation	3
Makes general comments on the extent to which the designated work represents musical evolution and transformation	2
Makes superficial and/or mostly inaccurate comments about the extent to which the designated work represents musical evolution and transformation	1
Subtotal	5
Reference to one designated work	
Makes specific, supporting reference to one designated work	3
Makes some relevant reference to one designated work	2
Makes superficial and/or inaccurate reference to one designated work	1
Subtotal	3
Total	8

Penalty statement: If a candidate's response to either part (a) or part (b) or both part (a) and part (b) is based on the compulsory area of study, a 25% penalty will be applied to the candidate's overall total for this question.

Section Three: Theory and composition

30% (34 Marks)

Question 11: Visual score analysis

(9 marks)

Refer to pages 28–29 of the Score booklet to answer this question.

- (a) Describe what is meant by the following terms/symbols used in the score. (3 marks)

Description		Marks
<i>sempre staccato</i> (Bar 1)	always short and detached, or separated, from each other	1
	the tempo of the crotchet is now the same tempo of the dotted crotchet previously	1
<i>dim.</i> (Bar 25)	gradually getting softer	1
Total		3

- (b) Identify the compositional devices used in the following locations. (2 marks)

Description		Marks
Bars 3–5 – part 1	sequence	1
Bar 8 – parts 1 and 2	imitation	1
Total		2

- (c) Two time signatures are used in this excerpt, but have been removed from the score. Identify the **two** time signatures. (2 marks)

Description		Marks
Time signature 1		1
Time signature 2		1
Total		2

- (d) Identify the intervals formed by the bracketed notes in the following locations. (2 marks)

Description		Marks
Bar 13 – parts 1 and 2	Perfect 4 th	1
Bar 21 – parts 2 and 3	unison	1
Total		2

Question 12: Theory

(11 marks)

Consider the following musical excerpt.

Clarinet 1 in B_b

Clarinet 2 in B_b

- (a) (i) Name the time signature of this excerpt. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
9 8	1
Total	1

- (ii) The Clarinet 1 part contains three rhythmic grouping errors. Rewrite the Clarinet 1 part with correct grouping. (3 marks)

Description	Marks
Bar 1	1
Bar 2	1
Bar 3	1
Total	3

- (b) Write out the Clarinet 2 part so that it can be played one octave lower by a tenor saxophone. Include the appropriate clef and key signature in your answer. (3 marks)

Description	Marks
clef and key signature correct (C major)	1
All pitches correct	1
All accidentals correct	1
Total	3

Question 12 (continued)

- (c) (i) Notate the following triads on the stave below in A major. In your answer, use accidentals where required. (3 marks)

The image shows a single-line musical staff. It starts with a bass clef, followed by a '4' indicating common time. The first chord is labeled 'Ib' below it, consisting of an open position A major triad (A, C#, E). The second chord is labeled 'V' below it, consisting of an open position E major triad (E, G#, B). The third chord is labeled 'vi' below it, consisting of an open position D major triad (D, F#, A).

Ib

V

vi

Description	Marks
one mark per correct chord accept correct alternate voicings or noteheads	1–3
Total	3

- (ii) Name the cadence formed by the last two chords of part (c)(i). (1 mark)

Description	Marks
interrupted	1
Total	1

Question 13: Composition**(14 marks)**

- (a) Continue the chord progression provided by writing Roman numerals above the top staff.
Complete the progression by using:

- harmony that suits the given melodic line
- at least one chord per bar
- appropriate chord inversions.

(5 marks)

Description	Marks	
Harmony		
Progression effectively utilises appropriate harmonic progressions and employs appropriate chord inversions, implied by the melody line	3	
Progression utilises appropriate harmonic progressions implied by the melody line, using root movement	2	
Progression utilises some appropriate harmonic progressions implied by the melody line, with inconsistencies noted	1	
Subtotal	3	
Chord progression		
Completes a chord progression using a minimum of one chord per bar	1	
Subtotal	1	
Chord symbols		
Uses correct Roman numeral nomenclature (upper case/lower case), notated above the top staff	1	
Subtotal	1	
	Total	5

Question 13 (continued)

- (b) Compose an accompaniment to realise effectively your chord progression. Complete your composition by:

- continuing the violoncello part to create a bass line that reflects your chords
 - adding ostinato patterns in the violin 2 and viola parts, ensuring that the pitch of both parts stay between the violin 1 and the violoncello.
- (9 marks)

Description	Marks
Violoncello part	
Violoncello part effectively outlines the chord progression root movement	2
Violoncello part somewhat outlines the chord progression root movement	1
Subtotal	2
Violin 2 and Viola part-writing	
Both the violin 2 and viola parts are complete and have employed ostinato	2
Either the violin 2 or the viola part are complete and have employed ostinato	1
Subtotal	2
Instrumental ranges	
Violin 2 and viola parts stay between the violin 1 and violoncello, with all parts written in a playable range	1
Subtotal	1
Accompaniment part-writing reflects the chord progression	
Accompaniment part-writing is effective, clearly reflects the chord progression and consistently utilises effective voice-leading and passing notes	4
Accompaniment part-writing reflects the chord progression with some use of effective voice-leading and/or passing notes	3
Accompaniment part-writing mostly reflects the chord progression with some evidence of suitable voice-leading and/or passing notes	2
Accompaniment part-writing somewhat outlines chord progression, with many errors/inconsistencies	1
Subtotal	4
Total	9

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Section One

Question 4 Score: Gordy, B., Perren, F., Mizell, A., & Richards, D. (1969). *I Want you Back.*

Question 5 Score: Pasek, B., & Paul, J. (2017). *Never Enough (Reprise).*

Section Two

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