

Section One: Recital (60 marks)

Select three pieces from the following list (20 marks each)

As an alternative to the pieces below, candidates may perform up to 3 free choice pieces.
For guidance on selecting and approving free choice pieces please [click here](#)

Composer/Artist	Title	Book/Cat. Ref	Publisher/ Buy Here
Beethoven	Horn Sonata Op.17 1 st Movt	N/A	Boosey
Bowen	Sonata in E flat Op.101 1 st <u>or</u> Last Movt	N/A	Emerson
Bissill	Valse Noire	N/A	Brass Wind
Busser	Cantecor Op.77	N/A	Alphonse Leduc
Carr	Soliloquy	N/A	Broadbent & Dunn
Cherubini	Sonata No.2	2 Sonatas	I.M.C
Damase	3 rd Movt	Sonata for Horn and Piano	Henry Lemoine
Francaix 1	Introduzione	Divertimento	Editions Musicales Transatlantiques
Haydn	Concerto No.2 1 st Movt	N/A	Breitkopf
Hindemith	3 rd Movt	Horn Sonata	Schott & Co
Mozart	Concerto No.4 K495 1 st Movt	N/A	Breitkopf
Mozart	2 nd Movt Horn Quintet K.407	First Solos for the Horn Player (Arr. Mason Jones)	Schirmer

MTB Grade 8 French Horn

Composer/Artist	Title	Book/Cat. Ref	Publisher/ Buy Here
Neuling	Bagatelle	N/A	Hans Gerig
Poulenc	Elegie for Horn and Piano	N/A	Chester
Paquito D'Rivera	Vals Venezolano <u>or</u> Contradanza	N/A	International Opus
Vinter	Hunters Moon	N/A	Boosey
Saint-Saens	Morceau de Concert Op.94	N/A	Durand
F.Strauss	Theme & Variations Op.11	N/A	Zimmerman Verlag
R. Strauss	Concerto No. 1 1st <u>or</u> last Movt	N/A	Universal
Bach	Prelude, Cello Suite No. 1	Six Suites	Southern Music
A. de Pre	No.8	20 Etudes pour le cor grave	Billaudot
Barboteu	No.76 <u>or</u> No.79	Lectures Exercices pour Cor	Choudens
Lizzie Davis	Terracotta <u>or</u> Watermark	Elecor	Lizzie Davis
Frehse	14 <u>or</u> 19	34 Etuden fur Tiefes Horn	Hofmeister
Gallay	No1. Horn in A <u>or</u> Horn in Bb Basso	22 Studies	I.M.C.
Kopprasch	No.29 <u>or</u> 31	60 Selected Studies For French Horn Book 1	Fischer
Mahler	Symphony No.7 1 st Horn Part (pages 36 & 37)	Orchester Probspiegel Horn	Peters
Strauss	Till Eulenspiegel Figure 31- End	Orchester Probspiegel Horn	Peters

Section Two: Technical (25 marks)

Prepare either option 1 or 2 below

Technical Option 1

Technical Exercises:

Perform all the technical exercises required for this grade

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Scales from Memory:

Perform the scales from memory required for this grade from the sheet

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Technical Option 2

Technical Exercises:

Perform all the technical exercises required for this grade

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Alternative to Scales from Memory:

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Section Three: Musicianship (15 marks)

Prepare either option 1, 2 or 3 below

Musicianship Option 1

Reading Skills:

Perform the rhythm exercises for this grade

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Listening Skills:

Sing the prepared aural tests for this grade

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Musicianship Option 2

Reading Skills:

Perform the rhythm exercises for this grade

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Duet:

Perform the duet for this grade

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Musicianship Option 3

Reading Skills:

Perform the rhythm exercises for this grade

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Transposed Duet:

Perform the Grade 8 Duet transposed for horn in BB
basso

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Technical Exercises

Exercise 1 - Triple Tonguing (Old notation)

♩ = c.144

Exercise 1 - Triple Tonguing (Old notation) musical notation. The exercise is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five staves. The first staff has four measures of eighth-note triplets (3) and two measures of quarter notes. The second staff has two measures of eighth-note triplets (3) and two measures of quarter notes. The third staff has four measures of eighth-note triplets (3) in the treble clef, a whole rest, and four measures of eighth-note triplets (3) in the bass clef. The fourth staff has four measures of eighth-note triplets (3) in the bass clef, a whole rest, and four measures of eighth-note triplets (3) in the treble clef. The fifth staff has two measures of eighth-note triplets (3) in the bass clef and two measures of quarter notes.

Exercise 2 - Lip Flexibility (Old notation)

♩ = c.84

Exercise 2 - Lip Flexibility (Old notation) musical notation. The exercise is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two staves. The first staff is in the bass clef and has two measures of a half note with a slur, followed by two measures of a half note with a slur. The second staff is in the treble clef and has two measures of a half note with a slur, followed by two measures of a half note with a slur. The third staff is in the treble clef and has two measures of a half note with a slur, followed by two measures of a half note with a slur. The fourth staff is in the treble clef and has two measures of a half note with a slur, followed by two measures of a half note with a slur.

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Exercise 3 - (New notation)

$\text{♩} = 140+$

The musical score for Exercise 3 is written for French Horn. It begins in the bass clef with a 6/8 time signature and a tempo marking of $\text{♩} = 140+$. The first staff contains a long, continuous melodic line with numerous accidentals (sharps, flats, and naturals) and a large slur covering the entire staff. The second staff, in treble clef, continues this melodic line. The third and fourth staves, also in treble clef, feature more complex rhythmic patterns, including slurs and ties, continuing the exercise.

♩ = 120

The first system of the musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of two staves. The left staff begins with a bass clef and contains the notes G2, A2, B-flat2, C3, D3, E-flat3, F3, and G3. The right staff begins with a treble clef and contains the notes G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, D5, E-flat5, F5, and G5. The system concludes with a double bar line.

The first system of the musical score for 'The Rose Tree' consists of two staves. The left staff is in bass clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The right staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the right staff, starting on a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and finally a whole note A4. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with quarter notes G2, A2, B2, and C3, followed by a half note B2 and a whole note A2.

The first system of the musical score for 'The Rose Tree' consists of two staves. The left staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The right staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the right staff, and the bass line is in the left staff. The music is in 4/4 time and consists of 16 measures.

The first system of the musical score for 'The Rose Tree' consists of two staves. The left staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The right staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

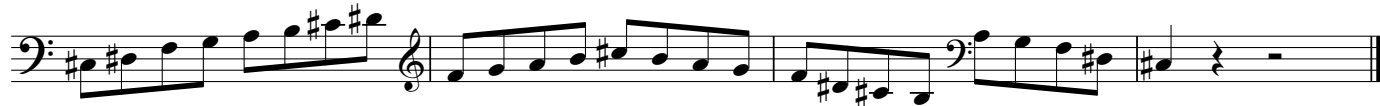
The first system of the musical score for 'The Rose Tree' consists of two staves. The left staff is in bass clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. It contains a melody starting on G2, moving up stepwise to D3, then a half note G2, followed by a quarter note F2, and ending with a half note E2. The right staff is in treble clef with the same key signature and common time. It contains a melody starting on G4, moving up stepwise to D5, then a half note G4, followed by a quarter note F4, and ending with a half note E4. The system concludes with a double bar line.

The first system of the musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is written on a grand staff. The left hand (bass clef) plays a continuous eighth-note accompaniment in the key of B-flat major (two flats). The right hand (treble clef) plays a melody consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some accidentals (sharps and naturals) indicating chromatic movement. The system concludes with a double bar line.

The first system of the musical score for 'The Little Boat' consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the upper staff, with some accompaniment in the lower staff. The piece begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4, Bb4, and A4. This is followed by a series of eighth notes: G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3, Bb2, A2, G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, Bb1, A1, G1, F1, E1, D1, C1, Bb0, A0, G0, F0, E0, D0, C0, Bb-1, A-1, G-1, F-1, E-1, D-1, C-1, Bb-2, A-2, G-2, F-2, E-2, D-2, C-2, Bb-3, A-3, G-3, F-3, E-3, D-3, C-3, Bb-4, A-4, G-4, F-4, E-4, D-4, C-4, Bb-5, A-5, G-5, F-5, E-5, D-5, C-5, Bb-6, A-6, G-6, F-6, E-6, D-6, C-6, Bb-7, A-7, G-7, F-7, E-7, D-7, C-7, Bb-8, A-8, G-8, F-8, E-8, D-8, C-8, Bb-9, A-9, G-9, F-9, E-9, D-9, C-9, Bb-10, A-10, G-10, F-10, E-10, D-10, C-10, Bb-11, A-11, G-11, F-11, E-11, D-11, C-11, Bb-12, A-12, G-12, F-12, E-12, D-12, C-12, Bb-13, A-13, G-13, F-13, E-13, D-13, C-13, Bb-14, A-14, G-14, F-14, E-14, D-14, C-14, Bb-15, A-15, G-15, F-15, E-15, D-15, C-15, Bb-16, A-16, G-16, F-16, E-16, D-16, C-16, Bb-17, A-17, G-17, F-17, E-17, D-17, C-17, Bb-18, A-18, G-18, F-18, E-18, D-18, C-18, Bb-19, A-19, G-19, F-19, E-19, D-19, C-19, Bb-20, A-20, G-20, F-20, E-20, D-20, C-20, Bb-21, A-21, G-21, F-21, E-21, D-21, C-21, Bb-22, A-22, G-22, F-22, E-22, D-22, C-22, Bb-23, A-23, G-23, F-23, E-23, D-23, C-23, Bb-24, A-24, G-24, F-24, E-24, D-24, C-24, Bb-25, A-25, G-25, F-25, E-25, D-25, C-25, Bb-26, A-26, G-26, F-26, E-26, D-26, C-26, Bb-27, A-27, G-27, F-27, E-27, D-27, C-27, Bb-28, A-28, G-28, F-28, E-28, D-28, C-28, Bb-29, A-29, G-29, F-29, E-29, D-29, C-29, Bb-30, A-30, G-30, F-30, E-30, D-30, C-30, Bb-31, A-31, G-31, F-31, E-31, D-31, C-31, Bb-32, A-32, G-32, F-32, E-32, D-32, C-32, Bb-33, A-33, G-33, F-33, E-33, D-33, C-33, Bb-34, A-34, G-34, F-34, E-34, D-34, C-34, Bb-35, A-35, G-35, F-35, E-35, D-35, C-35, Bb-36, A-36, G-36, F-36, E-36, D-36, C-36, Bb-37, A-37, G-37, F-37, E-37, D-37, C-37, Bb-38, A-38, G-38, F-38, E-38, D-38, C-38, Bb-39, A-39, G-39, F-39, E-39, D-39, C-39, Bb-40, A-40, G-40, F-40, E-40, D-40, C-40, Bb-41, A-41, G-41, F-41, E-41, D-41, C-41, Bb-42, A-42, G-42, F-42, E-42, D-42, C-42, Bb-43, A-43, G-43, F-43, E-43, D-43, C-43, Bb-44, A-44, G-44, F-44, E-44, D-44, C-44, Bb-45, A-45, G-45, F-45, E-45, D-45, C-45, Bb-46, A-46, G-46, F-46, E-46, D-46, C-46, Bb-47, A-47, G-47, F-47, E-47, D-47, C-47, Bb-48, A-48, G-48, F-48, E-48, D-48, C-48, Bb-49, A-49, G-49, F-49, E-49, D-49, C-49, Bb-50, A-50, G-50, F-50, E-50, D-50, C-50, Bb-51, A-51, G-51, F-51, E-51, D-51, C-51, Bb-52, A-52, G-52, F-52, E-52, D-52, C-52, Bb-53, A-53, G-53, F-53, E-53, D-53, C-53, Bb-54, A-54, G-54, F-54, E-54, D-54, C-54, Bb-55, A-55, G-55, F-55, E-55, D-55, C-55, Bb-56, A-56, G-56, F-56, E-56, D-56, C-56, Bb-57, A-57, G-57, F-57, E-57, D-57, C-57, Bb-58, A-58, G-58, F-58, E-58, D-58, C-58, Bb-59, A-59, G-59, F-59, E-59, D-59, C-59, Bb-60, A-60, G-60, F-60, E-60, D-60, C-60, Bb-61, A-61, G-61, F-61, E-61, D-61, C-61, Bb-62, A-62, G-62, F-62, E-62, D-62, C-62, Bb-63, A-63, G-63, F-63, E-63, D-63, C-63, Bb-64, A-64, G-64, F-64, E-64, D-64, C-64, Bb-65, A-65, G-65, F-65, E-65, D-65, C-65, Bb-66, A-66, G-66, F-66, E-66, D-66, C-66, Bb-67, A-67, G-67, F-67, E-67, D-67, C-67, Bb-68, A-68, G-68, F-68, E-68, D-68, C-68, Bb-69, A-69, G-69, F-69, E-69, D-69, C-69, Bb-70, A-70, G-70, F-70, E-70, D-70, C-70, Bb-71, A-71, G-71, F-71, E-71, D-71, C-71, Bb-72, A-72, G-72, F-72, E-72, D-72, C-72, Bb-73, A-73, G-73, F-73, E-73, D-73, C-73, Bb-74, A-74, G-74, F-74, E-74, D-74, C-74, Bb-75, A-75, G-75, F-75, E-75, D-75, C-75, Bb-76, A-76, G-76, F-76, E-76, D-76, C-76, Bb-77, A-77, G-77, F-77, E-77, D-77, C-77, Bb-78, A-78, G-78, F-78, E-78, D-78, C-78, Bb-79, A-79, G-79, F-79, E-79, D-79, C-79, Bb-80, A-80, G-80, F-80, E-80, D-80, C-80, Bb-81, A-81, G-81, F-81, E-81, D-81, C-81, Bb-82, A-82, G-82, F-82, E-82, D-82, C-82, Bb-83, A-83, G-83, F-83, E-83, D-83, C-83, Bb-84, A-84, G-84, F-84, E-84, D-84, C-84, Bb-85, A-85, G-85, F-85, E-85, D-85, C-85, Bb-86, A-86, G-86, F-86, E-86, D-86, C-86, Bb-87, A-87, G-87, F-87, E-87, D-87, C-87, Bb-88, A-88, G-88, F-88, E-88, D-88, C-88, Bb-89, A-89, G-89, F-89, E-89, D-89, C-89, Bb-90, A-90, G-90, F-90, E-90, D-90, C-90, Bb-91, A-91, G-91, F-91, E-91, D-91, C-91, Bb-92, A-92, G-92, F-92, E-92, D-92, C-92, Bb-93, A-93, G-93, F-93, E-93, D-93, C-93, Bb-94, A-94, G-94, F-94, E-94, D-94, C-94, Bb-95, A-95, G-95, F-95, E-95, D-95, C-95, Bb-96, A-96, G-96, F-96, E-96, D-96, C-96, Bb-97, A-97, G-97, F-97, E-97, D-97, C-97, Bb-98, A-98, G-98, F-98, E-98, D-98, C-98, Bb-99, A-99, G-99, F-99, E-99, D-99, C-99, Bb-100, A-100, G-100, F-100, E-100, D-100, C-100, Bb-101, A-101, G-101, F-101, E-101, D-101, C-101, Bb-102, A-102, G-102, F-102, E-102, D-102, C-102, Bb-103, A-103, G-103, F-103, E-103, D-103, C-103, Bb-104, A-104, G-104, F-104, E-104, D-104, C-104, Bb-105, A-105, G-105, F-105, E-105, D-105, C-105, Bb-106, A-106, G-106, F-106, E-106, D-106, C-106, Bb-107, A-107, G-107, F-107, E-107, D-107, C-107, Bb-

French Horn Grade Eight

** C# whole tone scale - 2 octaves



♩ = 114

** Dominant 7th in B - 2 octaves

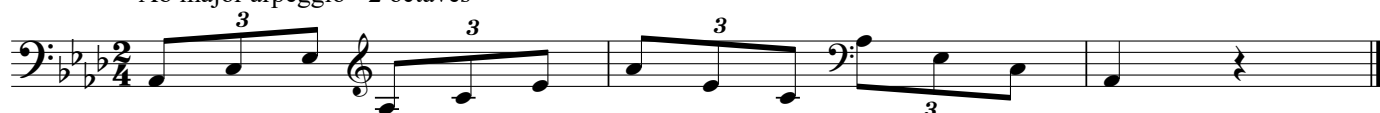


** Diminished 7th on G - 2 octaves

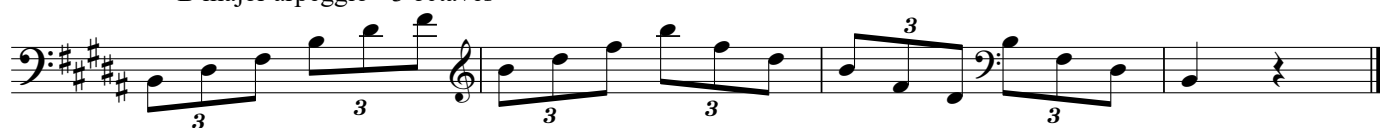


♩ = 76

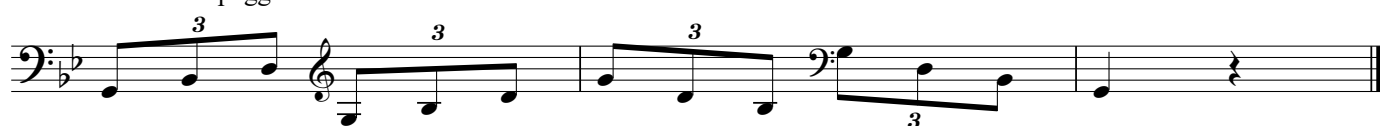
Ab major arpeggio - 2 octaves



** B major arpeggio - 3 octaves



G minor arpeggio - 2 octaves



** Ab minor arpeggio - 2 octaves



B minor arpeggio - 3 octaves



Bb minor arpeggio - 3 octaves



Alternative to Scales from Memory

The following do not need to be played from memory. For the examination, the candidate should be asked to perform all the starred (**) scales and arpeggios below plus any other two items from memory. All tempi given are minimum speeds.

♩=120

Ab major scale - 2 octaves



** B major scale - 3 octaves



B minor harmonic scale - 3 octaves



Bb melodic minor scale - 3 octaves

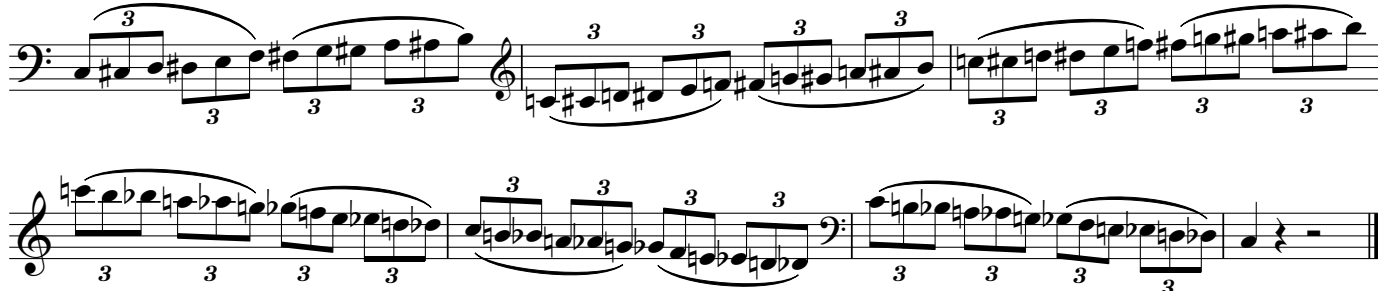


** Ab melodic minor scale - 2 octaves



♩=80

** C chromatic scale - 3 octaves



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** C# whole tone scale - 2 octaves



♩=114

** Dominant 7th in B - 2 octaves

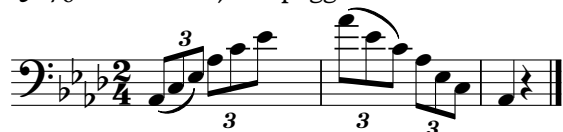


** Diminished 7th on G - 2 octaves



♩=76

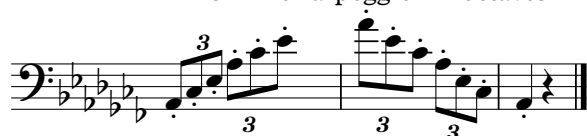
Ab major arpeggio - 2 octaves



** B major arpeggio - 3 octaves



** Ab minor arpeggio - 2 octaves



B minor arpeggio - 3 octaves



Bb minor arpeggio - 2 octaves



Musicianship Duets on the MTB Syllabuses are not acceptable for use as Recital pieces for the same grade. Musicianship Duets are Listening Skills, not another piece and consequently are set at a more straightforward technical level.

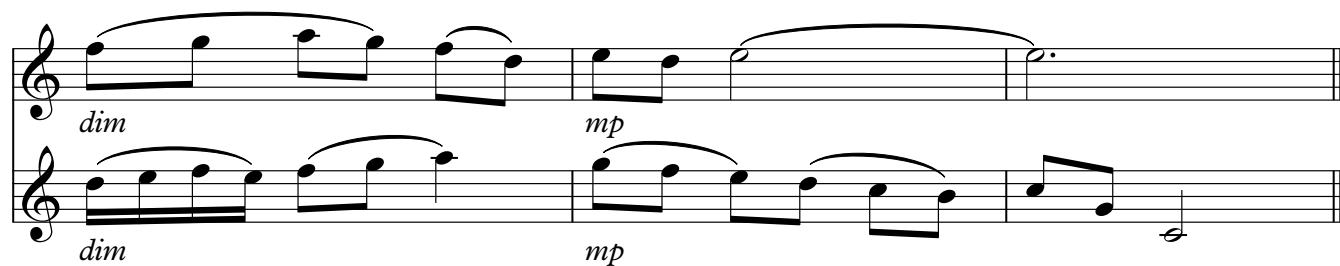
Romantic Dream

Andante - Espressivo

The musical score for 'Romantic Dream' is written for two French Horns. It is in 3/4 time and consists of six systems of two staves each. The tempo and mood are marked 'Andante - Espressivo'. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The dynamics are marked as follows:

- System 1: *mf* (both staves)
- System 2: *mp* (first staff), *cresc* (second staff)
- System 3: *f* (first staff), *mf* (second staff), *cresc* (third staff), *dim* (fourth staff)
- System 4: *mp* (first staff), *cresc* (second staff)
- System 5: *f* (first staff)

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French Horn Grade Eight

1 (Candidate)

2

Transposition

Romantic Dream

Andante - Espressivo

The musical score is written for two French Horn parts, labeled 1 and 2. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo and style are marked 'Andante - Espressivo'. The score is divided into six systems, each with two staves. The first system begins with a *mf* dynamic. The second system includes *mp* and *cresc* markings. The third system features *f*, *mf*, *cresc*, and *dim* markings. The fourth system includes *mp* and *cresc* markings. The fifth system ends with a *f* marking. The sixth system begins with a *f* marking. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests, as well as slurs and ties.

French Horn Grade Eight

The image displays a musical score for French Horn, Grade Eight, consisting of two staves. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains two measures of music. The first measure features a descending eighth-note scale (G4, F4, E4, D4, C4) with a slur and a *dim* (diminuendo) dynamic marking. The second measure features an ascending eighth-note scale (C4, D4, E4, F4, G4) with a slur and a *mp* (mezzo-piano) dynamic marking. The bottom staff also begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains two measures of music. The first measure features a descending eighth-note scale (G4, F4, E4, D4, C4) with a slur and a *dim* dynamic marking. The second measure features an ascending eighth-note scale (C4, D4, E4, F4, G4) with a slur and a *mp* dynamic marking. The piece concludes with a final double bar line.

Listening Skills

(Aural Tests)

[Click here to find the MTB
Listening skills recordings in
Treble Clef](#)

[Click here to find the MTB
Listening skills recordings in
Bass Clef](#)

The candidate should practise all the exercises on this sheet with the accompanying Listening Skills recording as part of their preparation for the exam. The exam can be conducted either with the candidate responding to the recording or the teacher can deliver them using this sheet.

Only the teacher should have this sheet in front of them during the exam.

For each test, select either the treble or the bass clef exercises as appropriate to the range of the candidate's voice.

Test 1 - Singing notes from a chord.

I will play a 4 note chord and you will sing back **all** of the notes, starting with the highest.

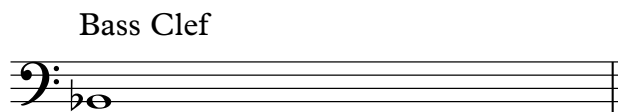
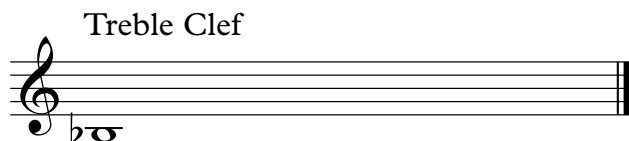
We shall do this for 4 chords.



Test 2 - Scales

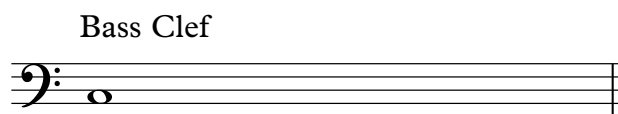
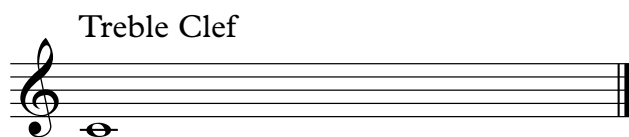
I shall ask you to sing a whole tone scale up and down after giving you the starting note.

Then, I shall ask you to sing a melodic minor scale up and down after giving you the same starting note again.



Test 3 - Triads

I shall give you the starting note, and then you shall sing the major, minor, diminished and augmented triads in root position all starting on that same note. The starting note will be given before you sing each of the 4 triads.



Reading Skills

[Click here to find the MTB Reading Skills recordings](#)

Candidates should practise the six clapping exercises below as part of their preparation to take this grade.

For the exam itself, the candidate should perform all six exercises in the order below at the indicated tempi. The candidate part should be clapped and the lower part should be provided using either the MTB Reading Skills recording for this grade, which can be downloaded [here](#), or a metronome (not clapped).

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♩ = 244

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metronome

2

♩ = 80

3

♩ = 104

♩ = 200

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♩ = 90

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♩ = 62

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