

Aural Skills Examination Overview
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Suggested Reading and Study Materials:

Integrated Musicianship: Aural Skills is an open-source, interactive, online textbook for college-level music courses written by Miranda Wilson:

<https://intmus.github.io/intas19-20/>

Other online resources to practice:

<https://www.musictheory.net/>

<https://trainer.thetamusic.com/en>

Expect to see these in the exam:

Notice an old example of the exam on the next page

Compound intervals - melodic and harmonic

Scales:

Modal scales: Ionian, Dorian, Phrygian, Lydian, Mixolydian, Aeolian, Locrian

Non-Diatonic Scales:

Pentatonic scales: major and minor

Hexatonic scales: whole tone scale, augmented scale

Heptatonic scale: Lydian Dominant

Octatonic scale: whole- half scale and half-whole octatonic

Triads and 7th chords in all inversions - played both blocked and arpeggiated

Rhythmic dictation in Compound meters

Melodic dictation with modulation in closely related key

Harmonic dictation with secondary dominants

Augmented sixth chords: Italian+6, French +6, and German+6

Neapolitan6 (bII6) chord

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Master Copy

Intervals (compound): Identify the interval and notate the other pitch. 10 pts.

ID: m10

A11/TT

P11

M13

M9

Scales: Identify the scale type and notate the other pitches: 15 pts

ID: Major Pentatonic

Whole-half Octatonic

Triads & Seventh Chords: Identify the chord type and inversion (no notation). 10 pts.

ID: Mm4/2

d6/3

mm7

A5/3

MM4/3

Rhythmic Dictation: Notate the correct rhythm. 21 pts.

Melodic Dictation: One point for each correct pitch, one point for each correct note value. 32 pts.

A musical score for melodic dictation in G major, 3/4 time. The treble clef staff contains a melody of seven measures: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The bass clef staff contains a bass line of seven measures, each with a whole rest.

Harmonic Dictation: Notate soprano, bass line, and identify the correct chord analysis. One point for each correct pitch, two for each correct analysis (Roman numeral + figured bass). 22 pts.

A musical score for harmonic dictation in G major, 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains a soprano line of six chords: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter). The bass clef staff contains a bass line of six chords: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter). Below the bass line, the chord analysis is given as: ID: i V7/iv iv N6 V7 I.

Total: 110 Points

Percentage:

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Intervals (compound): Identify the interval and notate the other pitch. 10 pts.

A musical score for piano with two staves. The treble clef staff has a whole rest in the first measure, a quarter note G4 in the second, a whole rest in the third, a whole rest in the fourth, and a quarter note G4 in the fifth. The bass clef staff has a quarter note F3 in the first, a whole rest in the second, a quarter note F#3 in the third, a whole rest in the fourth, and a whole rest in the fifth.

ID:

Scales: Identify the scale type and notate the other pitches: 15 pts

A musical score for piano with two staves. The treble clef staff has a quarter note C4 in the first measure, a whole rest in the second, a whole rest in the third, and a whole rest in the fourth. The bass clef staff has a whole rest in the first, a whole rest in the second, a quarter note C4 in the third, and a whole rest in the fourth.

ID:

Triads & Seventh Chords: Identify the chord type and inversion (no notation). 10 pts.

A musical score for piano with two staves. The treble clef staff has whole rests in all four measures. The bass clef staff has a whole note chord in the first measure (C4, E4, G4), a whole note chord in the second (C4, E4, G4), a whole note chord in the third (C4, E4, G4), a whole note chord in the fourth (C4, E4, G4), and a whole note chord in the fifth (C4, E4, G4).

ID:

Rhythmic Dictation: Notate the correct rhythm. 21 pts.

A musical score for piano with two staves. The treble clef staff has a quarter note G4 in the first measure, a whole rest in the second, a whole rest in the third, and a whole rest in the fourth. The bass clef staff has a whole rest in the first, a whole rest in the second, a whole rest in the third, and a whole rest in the fourth.

Melodic Dictation: One point for each correct pitch, one point for each correct note value. 32 pts.

A musical score for a piano, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The first measure of the treble staff contains a quarter note on G4. The rest of the staff is empty.

Harmonic Dictation: Notate soprano, bass line, and identify the correct chord analysis. One point for each correct pitch, two for each correct analysis (Roman numeral + figured bass). 22 pts.

A musical score for a piano, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The first measure of the treble staff contains a half note on G4. The first measure of the bass staff contains a half note on G2. The rest of the staff is empty.

ID:

Total: 110 Points

Score: _____ of 110

Percentage: _____