

**Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit** State Examinations Commission

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2008

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# MUSIC – HIGHER LEVEL COMPOSING (100 marks)

# THURSDAY, 19 JUNE – AFTERNOON, 1.30 to 3.00

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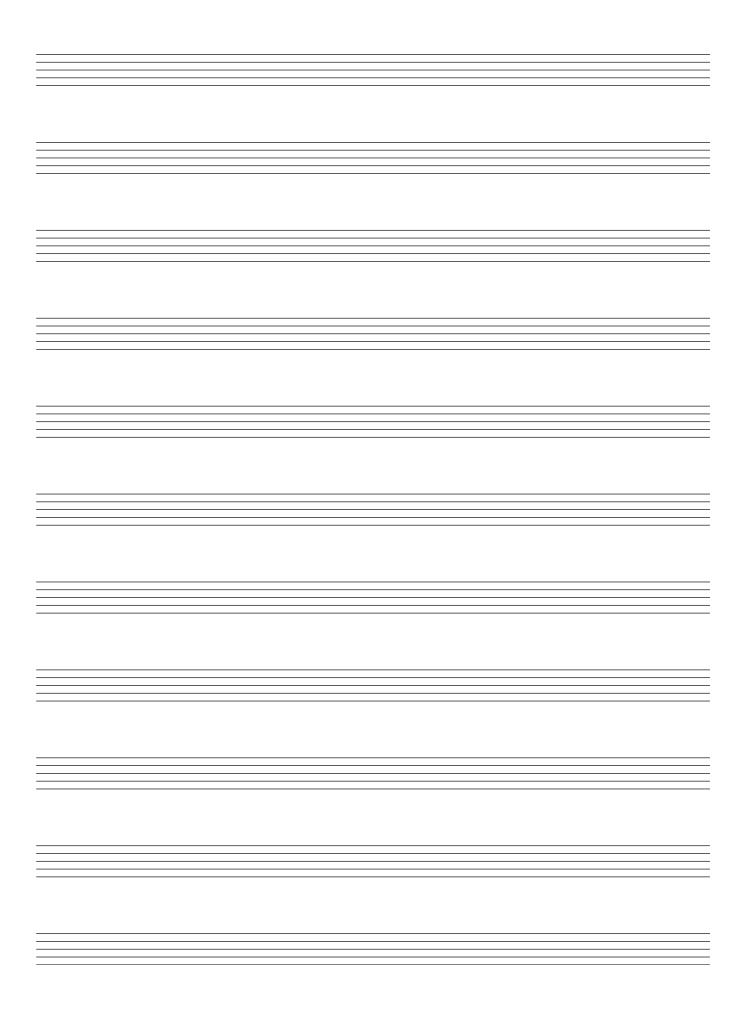
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# **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your examination number, as required, in the box above.

- Answer the questions in the spaces provided in this question-answer book.
  - You may use the spaces in the middle and at the end of the question-answer book for rough work.

1.	Total of end of page totals	
2.	Aggregate total of all disallowed questions	
3.	Total mark awarded (1 minus 2)	



#### Answer TWO questions – ONE from Section A (Melody Composition) and ONE from Section B (Harmony)

#### SECTION A – MELODY COMPOSITION (40 marks)

Answer ONE QUESTION ONLY in this section: Q1 or Q2 or Q3

#### **Q.1 CONTINUATION OF A GIVEN OPENING**

- Continue the opening below to make a 16–bar melody.
- Add appropriate performing directions (phrasing and dynamics) to the melody.
- Choose a suitable instrument for your melody from the following list:













### **Q.2 SETTING MUSIC TO A GIVEN TEXT**

Here is an excerpt from The Song of Wandering Aengus by W.B. Yeats.

I went out to the hazel wood, Because a fire was in my head, And cut and peeled a hazel wand, And hooked a berry to a thread.

- The opening line has been set to music below.
- Set the remaining words to make a melody of 16 bars. (You may exceed this number of bars, and include a modulation, if you wish.)
- Add appropriate performing directions (phrasing and dynamics) to the melody.



#### Q.3 COMPOSING TO A GIVEN DANCE RHYTHM OR METRE OR FORM

The opening phrase of a gigue is given below.

- Continue the given opening to make a 16-bar melody.
- Use the form AA<sup>1</sup>BB<sup>1</sup>.
- Include a modulation to the dominant at a suitable point.
- Add appropriate performing directions (phrasing and dynamics) to the melody.
- Choose a suitable instrument for your melody from the following list:



### **SECTION B – HARMONY (60 marks)**

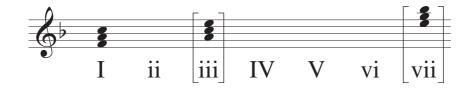
# Answer ONE QUESTION ONLY in this section: Q4 or Q5 or Q6

# Q.4 COMPOSING MELODY AND BASS NOTES FROM A SET OF CHORDS

#### PREPARATORY WORK

• Plot the chords available in the key of F major, either in the chord bank grid *or* on the stave below.

Notes of chord	C A F		E C A				B♭ G E
Chord symbol	F		Am				Edim
Roman numeral	Ι	ii	iii	IV	V	vi	vii



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- Study the following piece of music.
- Using the chords indicated, compose melody and bass notes to complete the piece in the given style.

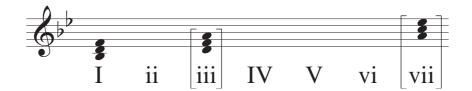


# Q.5 COMPOSING BASS NOTES AND CHORD INDICATIONS TO A GIVEN TUNE

#### PREPARATORY WORK

• Plot the chords available in the key of  $B^{\flat}$  major, either in the chord bank grid *or* on the stave below.

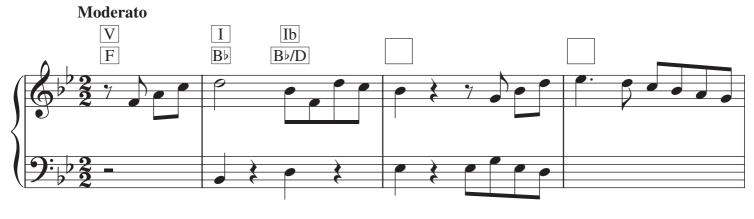
Notes of chord	F D B♭		A F D				E♭ C A
Chord symbol	B♭		Dm				Adim
Roman numeral	Ι	ii	iii	IV	V	vi	vii

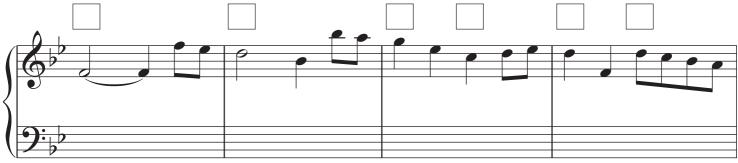


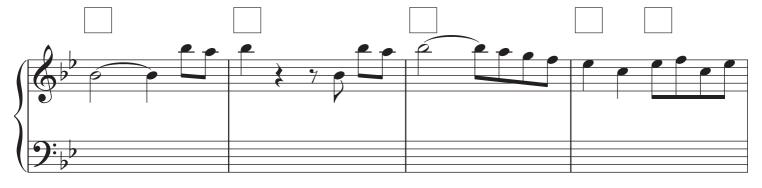
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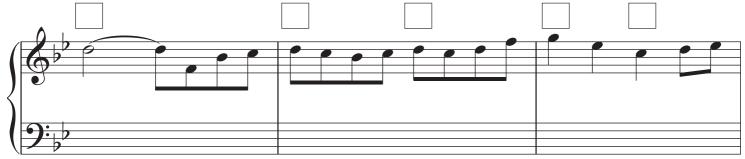
Study the following piece and insert suitable bass notes and chord indications in the style of the given opening.

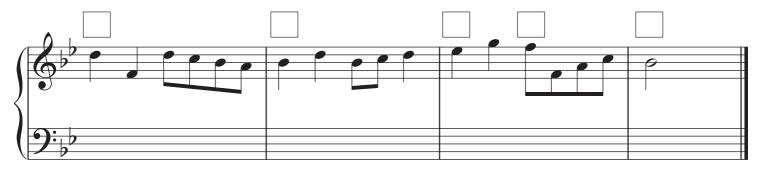
- Do not repeat the same chord in the same position in adjacent boxes.
- You may use chord symbols or Roman numerals, but not both.
- If you choose Roman numerals, use *lower case* for *minor* chords.









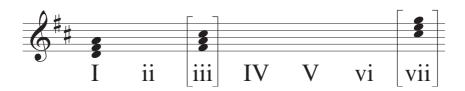


#### Q.6 ADDING A COUNTERMELODY OR DESCANT AND CHORDAL SUPPORT TO A GIVEN TUNE

#### PREPARATORY WORK

• Plot the chords available in the key of D major, either in the chord bank grid *or* on the stave below.

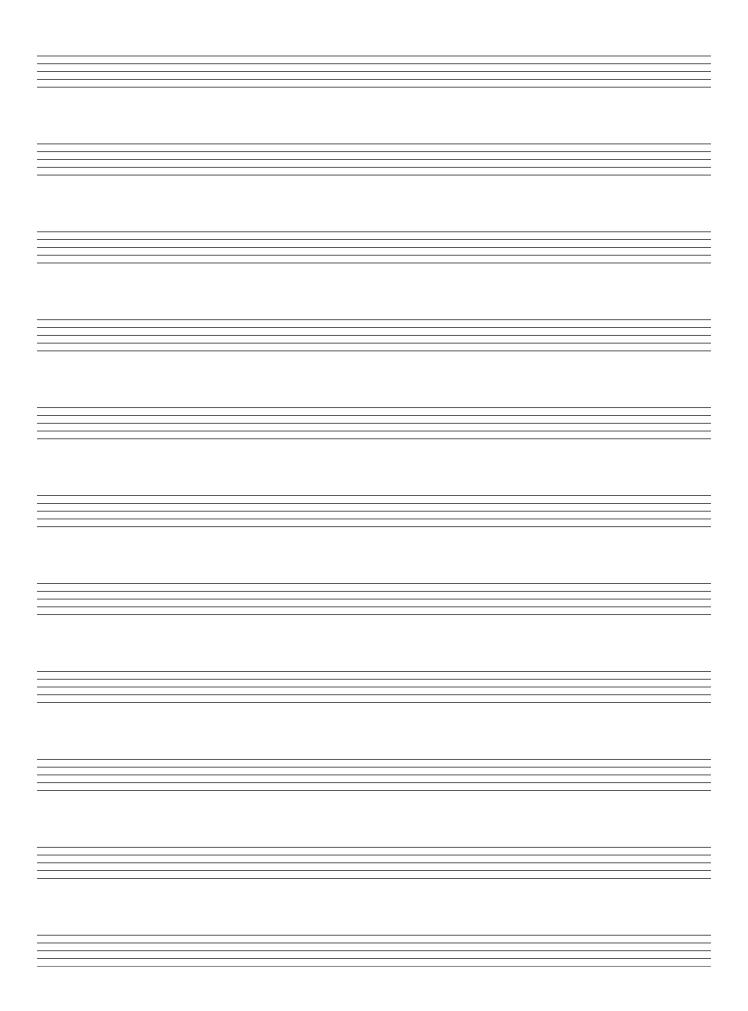
Notes of chord	A F# D		C# A F#				G E C#
Chord symbol	D		F#m				$\mathrm{C}^{\sharp}_{\mathrm{dim}}$
Roman numeral	Ι	ii	iii	IV	V	vi	vii

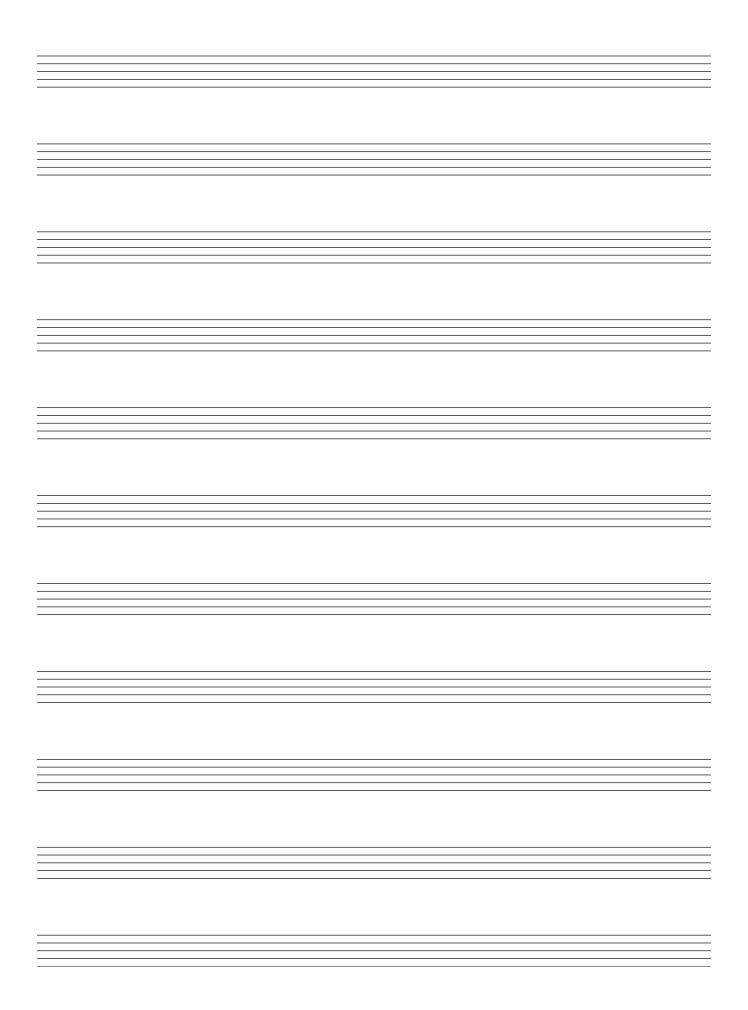


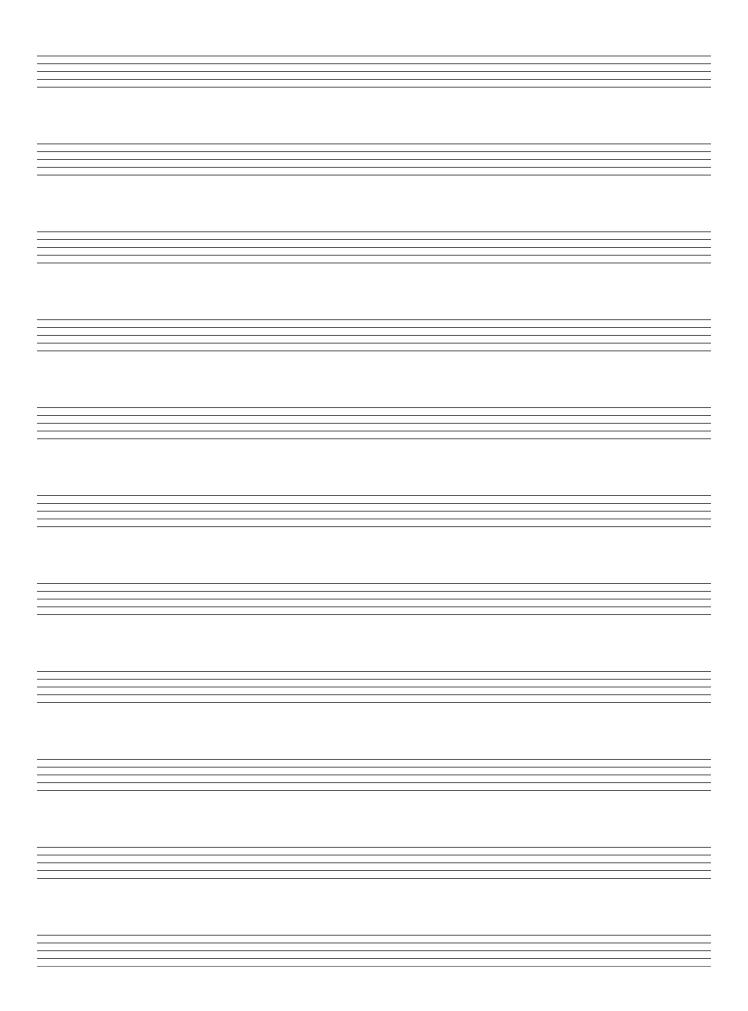
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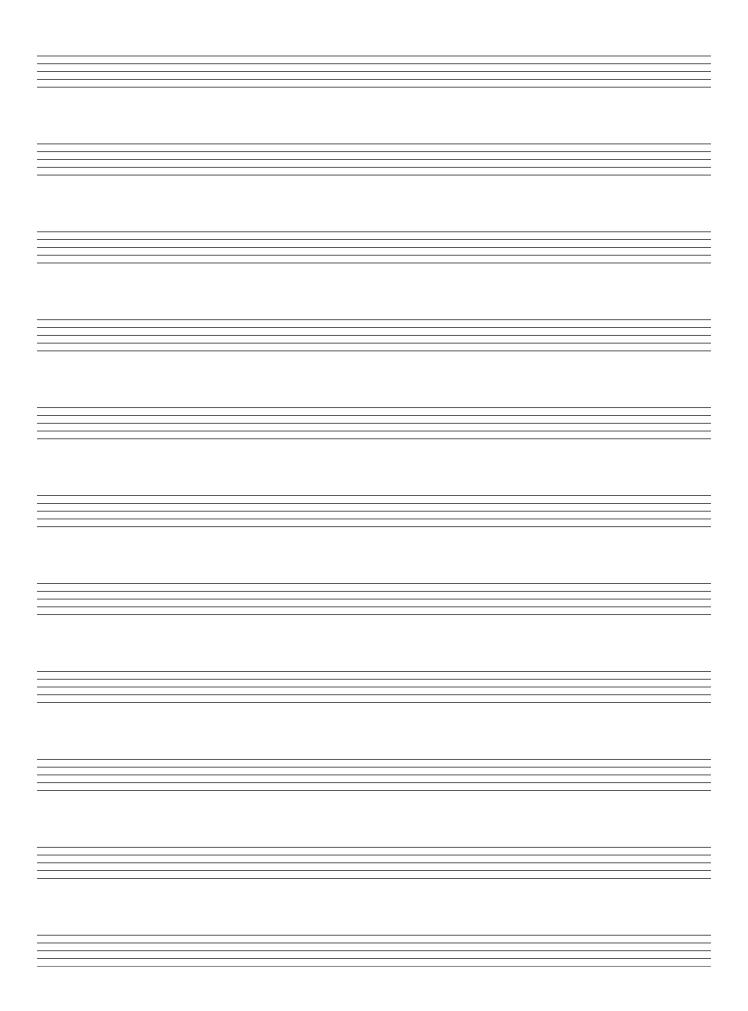
- Study the following piece of music.
- Insert suitable chord indications in the boxes provided and continue the descant part in the given style to complete the piece.
- You may use either chord symbols or Roman numerals, but not both.
- If you choose Roman numerals, use *lower case* for *minor* chords.
- Do not repeat the same chord *in the same position* in adjacent boxes.











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