

**MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2009 question paper
for the guidance of teachers**

8663 and 9703 MUSIC

8663/01 and 9703/01 Paper 1 (Listening), maximum raw mark 100

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- 1 The relative weight of any of the relevant aspects will depend on which movements are chosen for comparison. All answers should address basic similarities of structure:

1st Movements: both use the conventional amalgam of sonata and ritornello form with distinct orchestral and solo expositions; Mozart reserves the entry of the 2nd subject for the piano, and Beethoven allows his piano a dominating prelude before the exposition proper gets under way. Both soloists introduce additional new material. Development and Recapitulation as normal: Mozart expects the soloist to improvise a cadenza, Beethoven forbids this and inserts his own structurally-important one.

2nd Movements: Mozart's is in a tightly-structured but slightly unorthodox form (an opening orchestra ritornello repeated by piano followed by episodes each concluded by fragments of ritornello material, with a full return to the ritornello beginning in a remote key – A flat major but candidates are not required to know this); Beethoven's is a loose set of variations on a theme stated by the orchestra with diversions before a hushed link into the last movement.

3rd Movements: both Rondos with elements of Sonata Form (tonic-dominant relationships and developmental passages in the middle). Mozart creates another opportunity for a cadenza but Beethoven writes instead a dialogue with timpani before a great rush to the end.

Most answers will probably refer to a difference in the relative balance between piano and orchestra; at its most basic this may be discussed in terms of 'light' and 'heavy' or degrees of loudness. More informed answers may know something about the development of the piano in the 24 years which separate the two concertos and be able to point to examples of where Beethoven uses its greater compass and power. The most perceptive will be able to demonstrate how Beethoven's piano is treated less in dialogue with the orchestra but rather in contest with it. 'Who does what, when' is relevant here.

Aspects that 'interest' candidates may be mood (perhaps the slow movement of Mozart's concerto in particular, which might prompt some evocative writing), instrumentation or virtuosity – there is plenty of 'brilliance' in the 1st movement of the Mozart. The features which candidates choose should be rewarded in proportion to their relevance to the comparison and to the specificity with which they are discussed.

The above points exclude references to tonality, although this is widely understood to be crucial to discussion of the Beethoven Concerto. Some candidates may know that Mozart's slow movement is in a conventional key (the subdominant) and Beethoven's in his favourite flat submediant (B major enharmonically C flat): but lack of specific reference to keys is not a bar to accessing the higher mark bands. However, candidates who choose e.g. the entry of the horns at the end of the cadenza as one of their 'interesting' moments, should be able to distinguish between minor and major.

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- 2 All answers should give at least a basic outline of a Sonata Form movement and indicate what happens in each section:

Exposition (1st and 2nd subjects) – Development – Recapitulation.

Answers in the middle bands should note that, although the movement does not have a separate introduction, it is slightly unusual in not beginning immediately with the 1st subject. They are also likely to show an awareness that the Recapitulation begins in the 'wrong' key, but they are not expected to be able to explain the tonal processes, other than knowing that some adjustment must be made in order to end the movement in the tonic key.

Referencing the principal events, other than the end of the Exposition, is a challenging task for candidates: they have no scores to refer to bar numbers and CD timings are not reliable (or to be credited). Evidence that examples are correctly located depends on the vividness of their written commentaries and examiners will need to be prepared to interpret these imaginatively.

The most able candidates will show that they appreciate the difference in character between themes, understand development techniques, and can describe the adjustments normally made in a Recapitulation. Discussion of instrumentation for its own sake should not be rewarded but reference to specific features as an aid to locating examples, or as an explanation of structural moments, should be credited as evidence of close familiarity with the music.

- 3 All answers should make the most obvious points:

- that the Theme returns to the normally-highest instrument, the 1st violin
- that the repeat of the first phrase is an octave higher than originally
- that there is a brief coda.

More perceptive answers might amplify some of these points:

- that the octave transposition is maintained for the rest of the variation
- that it leads to a much higher tessitura in the accompanying parts throughout
- that the harmony is very chromatic in places
- that the inner parts are sometimes contrapuntal
- that the coda contains a long-drawn-out cadence.

For the highest marks, answers should refer to two or three specific details that confirm close familiarity with the music e.g. the change to longer sustained notes for the cello's pedal D, or the lack of a pause – the phrases being connected by a semiquaver run.

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- 4 The question requires a very precise answer but candidates will not have scores or CDs and therefore need sufficient familiarity with the music and its programme, in the first instance, to be able to recall the exact detail of the two poems. Both are about rest, undisturbed in Winter, denied in Summer, and the obvious basic association with a slower tempo (than other movements) should be made. Most candidates will probably also be able to enumerate the tempo changes in Summer – alternating between Adagio and Presto – and be able to associate these with the agitation of thunder. A link between the 'biting' rhythm (candidates are not expected to define the note-values as 'dotted') of the accompaniment in the Adagio sections and the mosquitoes will also probably be made by most candidates: similarly the heavy rain of Winter.

More perceptive candidates should make some attempt to show how Vivaldi depicts the mood of the human character in each scene, probably by making a straight comparison – the angular melodic shape, wide leaps and jerky rhythm of the restless shepherd in Summer contrasting with the seamless, winding melody and flowing rhythm of Winter.

Summer also lends itself to relevant discussion of dynamic contrast. The finer detail of gradations of dynamic markings in Winter may not be accessible to any but a few candidates. The effect of the *pizzicato*, however, should be noted and explained.

- 5 In comparing the composition of the two orchestras most candidates will probably consider them to be more or less equal. They are not explicitly required to compare them with those of the 18th-century repertoire they have studied, but many may find this a useful yardstick to measure them by, pointing out the expansion of the woodwind, brass and timpani and the addition of harp, celesta and a range of extra percussion for special effects. This will be a sufficient starting-point: many will note the uniqueness of Ravel's use of saxophone but only the most well-informed candidates are likely to distinguish finer details such as distinguishing between whether there are one or two tubas in the texture.

The question asks for examples that show effectiveness. The choice is limited in respect of the Holst, as only two of the pieces have been studied and these by themselves do not show the wide range of effective scoring that his orchestra lends itself to – there is only limited opportunity to illustrate the use of instrumental colour. Most candidates should be able to make a descriptive point about the military nature of the fanfare-like dialogue between trumpet and tuba in Mars (bar 136) and the use of melodic instruments to reinforce the timpanis' 5/4 march rhythm. Some may, in more general terms, notice the overall weight of the brass but not be able to relate this in a direct way to an imaginative point.

Only the more able candidates may tease out the point specifically but most should offer at least some examples to demonstrate Ravel's greater use of individual (rather than sectional) instrumental colours, e.g. the tuba melody at the beginning and end of *Bydło*: many may also be able to pursue this example to make a point about 'effectiveness' by commenting on the suitability of the instrument's low, bumbling sound to represent a slow-moving cart, and that the choice of a single instrument portrays a single object moving, approaching and receding – and that, as it passes directly in front of the listener, the melody is taken up *fff* in unison and doubled by almost the full orchestra.

An awareness of contrasts of texture may be explored e.g. the homophony of the middle section of Jupiter, and such examples should be noted as evidence of close familiarity with the music. But many candidates may stray into discussion of tempo and metre changes when perhaps a more complex point about choice of instruments and register in relation to the expression of a mood may be more relevant to the question.

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6 The field is wide open. The question invites candidates to demonstrate close familiarity with their own choice of wider repertoire and to apply to it the understanding of techniques formed in their study of the Core Works. All candidates should be able to explain the programme in detail. Most should make a number of convincing links between programme and music. More perceptive candidates may also be able to risk some imaginative conjectures that display more insight into the compositional challenges.

7 A brief account will necessarily be selective and candidates will not be expected to cover all possible aspects. They should at least address the employment of the four composers, showing some understanding of the situation of Haydn in Esterházy as well as Vienna, and the dependence on patrons (even when not formally in their employ) of Beethoven, and Mozart's and Schubert's more precarious financial situations. More informed answers may refer to concert-giving (e.g. the first performance of Mozart's concerto) and increasing income from publishing.

Some answers may be able to get beyond describing practical conditions, towards a broader cultural picture, showing an awareness of Vienna as a hub that attracted many other musicians and visitors, and of the extent to which influences both on Viennese musicians and by them were important in wider European terms at this time.

8 A narrow answer may successfully address in some detail only one of the issues implicit in the question: performance practices and 'authenticity' of interpretation, particularly in relation to comparing recordings of the prescribed Classical repertoire that candidates have studied. The Notes for Guidance, however, flag that the use of music for other than its original purpose should be considered, and more candidates are likely to explore various facets of this aspect, probably in a more wide-ranging way. Some of the prescribed and core works are cases in point (Haydn, Vivaldi, Holst) to which answers may refer, the slow movement of the Mozart concerto possibly opening up discussion of a reverse case – the use of 'absolute' music as 'mood' music.

The question invites an opinion ('should'): this may legitimately go in either direction. The highest quality of response will depend on citing probably three or four examples (including at least one from outside the prescribed repertoire) on which a convincing argument can be rested. The most intellectually-inclined candidates may also explore the philosophical implications of the word 'intention'.

9 Depending on which traditions answers refer to, most will need to distinguish between written and oral transmission and to discuss issues of professionalism and training. Distinctions between different occasions for performance, and social settings, may also be relevant. Accounts of instruments should also be made relevant to making the distinction inherent in the question, not just straightforward descriptions of what is used when/where.

Answers should 'refer to the music' i.e. candidates are not explicitly asked in this question to relate their answers to specific musical examples. Nonetheless, some sense of the difference in musical 'flavour' between the classical and folk traditions discussed should be communicated and the best answers may be able to demonstrate particular uses of scales or modes, or of vocal/instrumental performing techniques by reference to specific instances.

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- 10 The question is challenging: candidates are unlikely to have prepared specifically in this area, although it is almost certain that, in their listening, their attention will have been directed towards the recognition of repetition (and varying/developing) and contrast. A wide spectrum of approaches is possible: some answers may approach the question in terms mainly of larger-scale structural considerations – the broad repetition of exposition and recapitulation material, for example, or the contrast of 1st and 2nd subject; some may understand 'contrast' more in terms of tempo or dynamics.

Having studied the prescribed repertoire most closely and most recently, it is likely that this will be in the forefront of candidates' minds and that they will find it the easiest to refer to for their examples. A successful answer may depend only on these, but the question asks for 'a range of examples' and it is expected that, for the highest mark bands, candidates will draw on their wider musical experience, e.g. music that they perform themselves, or popular music with which they are familiar (the 'middle eight' being an obvious example of contrast within a repeating structure). Those familiar with minimalist music will need to explore more subtle techniques of transformation.