

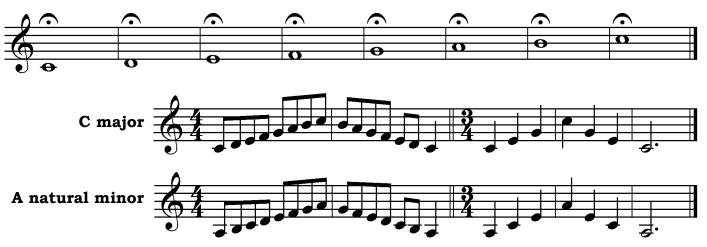
NMPAT Brass Examinations

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

Grade 1: French Horn

Total Marks: 150 Pass: 100 Pass with Merit: 120 Pass with Distinction: 130

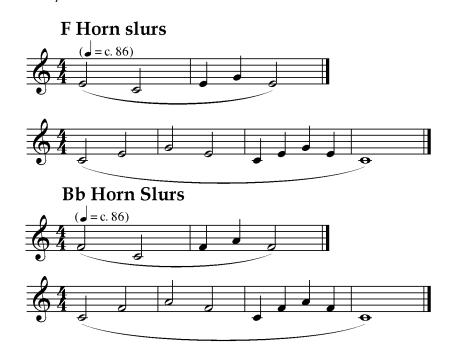
Scales and Arpeggios: (20 Marks)



The arpeggios should be prepared tongued; the scales tongued and slurred and must be played from memory.

Flexibility Exercises: (15 Marks)

Play **both** exercises for **either** F or Bb horn on each valve combination: 0-2-1-2-0



Aim for a good sound and the smoothest slurs you can manage using good air support from your diaphragm.

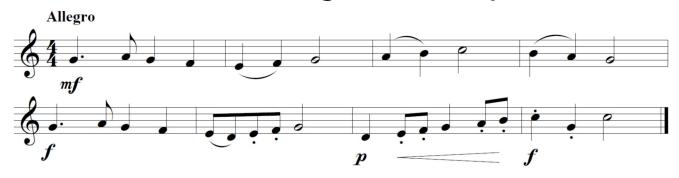
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Pieces: choose 3 pieces to play in your exam, at least one from each page. (25 marks each)

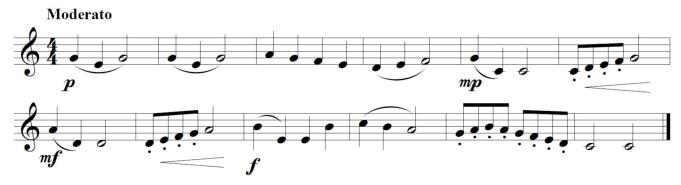
Things to think about when you perform:

- Posture
- Dynamics
- Articulation
- Breathing

London Bridge is on the up!



Old Man's Revenge



Oranges and Grapefruit



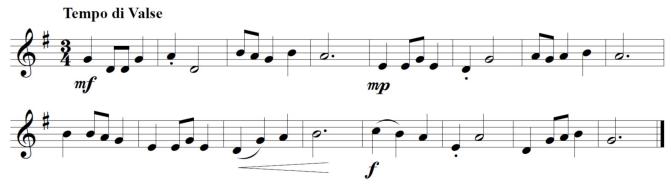
Ascot March



Secret Agent



Royal Waltz



Questions: (10 Marks)

You will be asked questions about the pieces you choose to play:

• note lengths

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rests

dynamics

Italian terms

key signatures

• time signatures

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slurs

Staccato

• etc...

Allegro quick

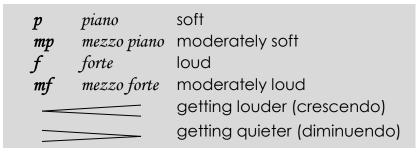
Moderato moderately fast

Andante at a walking pace

Misterioso mysteriously

Tempo di Valse at the speed of a Waltz

Tempo di Marcia at the speed of a March





Aural Tests: (15 Marks)

- 1. Clap a short rhythm after two hearings.
- 2. Listen to it a third time and then say whether it has 2 or 3 beats in a bar. Beat time when it is played again.
- 3. Sing or hum a short tune after two hearings, or buzz it on your mouthpiece.
- 4. Play a C, D, E, F or G and then a major 3rd, a perfect 4th or a perfect 5th higher. E.g.; the examiner may ask for C and a major third higher. You would play C and E. (Only notes from the scales known will be used.)
- 5. Find on your instrument a note played by the examiner on the piano or their instrument.

Sight Reading: (15 Marks)

You will be asked to play a piece at sight. You will have a chance to have a look at the piece and try it before you perform.

