

ICSE 2023 EXAMINATION
SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER
WESTERN MUSIC

Maximum Marks: 100

Time allowed: Two hours

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

*You will **not** be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.*

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

*Attempt **all** questions from **Section A** and **any four** questions from **Section B**.*

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets[].

SECTION A

*(Answer **all** questions from this Section.)*

Question 1

Choose the correct answer from the given options.

[20]

- (i) Guitars generally have _____.
- (a) 4 strings
 - (b) 8 strings
 - (c) 12 strings
 - (d) 6 strings
- (ii) Find the odd one out.
- (a) Pallet
 - (b) Flue pipe
 - (c) PVC pipe
 - (d) Reed pipe

- (iii) The violin bow traditionally used:
- (a) Camel hair
 - (b) Wool
 - (c) Horse hair
 - (d) Human hair
- (iv) Multiple keyboard levels of the pipe organ are called:
- (a) Ranks
 - (b) Pallets
 - (c) Stops
 - (d) Manuals
- (v) Smallest member of the woodwind family:
- (a) Piccolo
 - (b) Bassoon
 - (c) Clarinet
 - (d) Saxophone
- (vi) Reeds are generally made of plastic.
- (a) True
 - (b) False
- (vii) Percussion family instruments generally use _____.
- (a) Hammers
 - (b) Mallets
 - (c) Pliers
 - (d) Plectrums
- (viii) The piano is a _____.
- (a) String instrument
 - (b) Percussion instrument
 - (c) Keyboard instrument
 - (d) All of the above

- (ix) In a pipe organ, mellow sounds come from reed pipes.
- (a) True
 - (b) False
- (x) In which instrument family is the term 'Striking spot' used.
- (a) Wood wind
 - (b) Guitar
 - (c) String
 - (d) Percussion
- (xi) All percussion instruments are Idiophones.
- (a) True
 - (b) False
- (xii) Choose a guitar playing technique.
- (a) Spiccato
 - (b) Marcato
 - (c) Hammer on
 - (d) Legato
- (xiii) All members of the woodwind family use reeds.
- (a) True
 - (b) False
- (xiv) Find the odd one out:
- (a) Tangent
 - (b) Jack
 - (c) Plectrum
 - (d) Hammer
- (xv) The largest wood wind instrument:
- (a) Piccolo
 - (b) Bassoon
 - (c) Clarinet
 - (d) Flute

- (xvi) The only brass instrument that uses a slide:
- (a) Tuba
 - (b) Trombone
 - (c) French horn
 - (d) Trumpet
- (xvii) Largest member of the string family:
- (a) Violin
 - (b) Bassoon
 - (c) Double bass
 - (d) Saxophone
- (xviii) A double reed wind instrument:
- (a) Oboe
 - (b) Transverse flute
 - (c) Clarinet
 - (d) Trombone
- (xix) A tuned percussion instrument:
- (a) Bass drum
 - (b) Snare drum
 - (c) Tambourine
 - (d) Xylophone
- (xx) The Tambourine is an Idiophone.
- (a) True
 - (b) False

SECTION B

(Answer **any four** questions from this Section.)

Question 2

Describe / explain the movements of a symphony, with particular reference to *any one* specific symphony you are familiar with. [20]

Question 3

Briefly describe the structure of a concerto, using as an example *any one* specific concerto you have studied or played. [20]

Question 4

Write short notes on *any four* of the following: [20]

- (i) New Orleans Jazz
- (ii) Kansas City Jazz
- (iii) Bebop
- (iv) The Swing (or Big Band) Era
- (v) The instruments used by Jazz musicians
- (vi) Some of the greatest exponents of Jazz (from any era)

Question 5

Comment briefly on *any four* of the following music genres. Mention *one* typical exponent of each genre. [20]

- (i) Folk
- (ii) Gospel
- (iii) R & B
- (iv) Rock
- (v) Soul
- (vi) Reggae

Question 6

Write a concise essay on any one popular music group/artist who have had the most lasting influence on your musical appreciation. Give special emphasis to the following aspects: [20]

- (i) Their early careers
- (ii) The popular music genre their works characterized
- (iii) Their top 10 chart hits
- (iv) Their most representative albums

Question 7

Summarize the life and works of *any two* of the following musicians: [20]

- (i) Miles Davis
- (ii) Duke Ellington
- (iii) Louis Armstrong
- (iv) George Gershwin

Question 8

Summarize the life and works of *any two* of the following composers: [20]

- (i) Ludwig van Beethoven
- (ii) Anton Dvorak
- (iii) George Frideric Handel
- (iv) Johann Sebastian Bach

Question 9

Briefly describe each feature of a DAW, explaining how each feature enables musicians to record music. [20]

Question 10

Answer *any two* of the following questions:

[20]

- (i) Explain the reasons why electronic music appeals to younger listeners.
- (ii) Mention the most prominent factors that led to the development of electronic music.
- (iii) Describe both the Moog Synthesizer and the Theremin briefly.
- (iv) Summarize the popular music genres Industrial Music, House Music, Jungle and Dubstep.

Question 11

Trace your development as a musician from your earliest music experience till the present.
Describe each significant music experience along the way.

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