## LVMTA MUSICIANSHIP EXAMS

# THEORY EXAM GUIDELINES LEVEL 1

## **NOTATION**

## Identify:

- Note names on the grand staff (no ledger lines)
- Steps and skips
- Treble and bass clef signs

#### Draw:

The grand staff, clef signs, brace, barlines, double barlines



Notes and rests - whole, dotted-half, half, quarter



## **INTERVALS**

## Identify in treble or bass clefs:

Harmonic and melodic intervals of 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>



Draw: None

#### **KEY SIGNATURES**

Identify in treble or bass clefs:



Draw:

None

#### **SCALES AND CHORDS**

## Identify in treble or bass clefs:

Name the letters to spell C, F and G triads (Ex. C- E-G)

#### Draw in treble or bass clefs:

Penta scales up and down in C F G using whole notes



## **RHYTHM**

## Identify:

- **2/4 3/4 4/4** time signatures
- Explain the time signature (fill-in)

Ex: 3 means 3 beats in a measure 4 means note gets one beat

#### Draw:

- Count beats in each measure Ex: 4 detc
- Add barlines

#### **EAR TRAINING**

## Identify:

- Pitches high, low, or same
- Melodies up, down, or same
- Rhythm same or different (using o o o )
- Dynamics piano / forte

## **VOCABULARY**

#### **Match Definitions**

Crescendo Gradually louder
Diminuendo Gradually softer

D.C. al Fine From the beginning to the end

Fermata Hold the note longer than its usual time value

Forte Loud

Legato Smooth and connected

Piano Soft

Slur The curved line that marks a phrase

Staccato Short and detached

Tempo Time, the speed at which a piece is played

Tie Connects notes of the same pitch for their combined time value

## Music Symbols:

Forte f Mezzo piano mp

Mezzo forte mf Piano p

Repeat : Sharp #

Staccato dot

## **HISTORY and FORM**