Marking scheme
The examiner will award an overall grading, rather than a mark, on the following basis:
A  Pass with Distinction
B  Pass with Merit
C  Pass
F  Failure to reach the standard required to pass

Specimen tests
Examples of the tests are given in Specimen Tests: Practical Musicianship and Musicianship in Practice, available for purchase from music retailers and from www.abrsm.org/publications.

New syllabus
A new Musicianship syllabus is planned, and may be introduced before the expiry of this syllabus booklet. For updates, see www.abrsm.org/exams.

Practical Musicianship GRADE 1
A To tap, as an echo, the rhythm-pattern of two two-bar phrases in simple time played by the examiner. The echoes should follow each phrase in strict time without an intervening pause.
B To sing, as an echo, two two-bar phrases in simple time played by the examiner. The echoes should follow each phrase in strict time without an intervening pause.
C To play from memory, on an instrument chosen by the candidate, a two-bar melody played twice by the examiner. The key-chord will first be sounded and the starting note appropriate to the candidate’s instrument will be named.
D To sing at sight a four-bar melody in 2\(\frac{4}{4}\) time to a simple accompaniment played by the examiner. The key-chord and starting note will first be sounded and named, and the pulse indicated.
E To improvise with voice or instrument, at the choice of the candidate, a two-bar answering phrase to a two-bar phrase played by the examiner. The key-chord and the starting note appropriate to the candidate’s voice or chosen instrument will first be sounded and named. The answering phrase should follow in strict time after the examiner has played the opening phrase. A second attempt will be allowed.
F To recognize, from the printed score, the three or four changes made to pitch and note values in a melody played twice by the examiner. The candidate will be required to point to and explain the differences. The key-chord will be sounded before the melody is played.

Practical Musicianship GRADE 2
A To sing, as an echo, two two-bar phrases in simple time played by the examiner, whilst continuously tapping a repeated rhythm pattern (i.e. an ostinato) previously indicated by the examiner. The echoes should follow each phrase in strict time without an intervening pause.
B To play from memory, on an instrument chosen by the candidate, a two-bar melody played twice by the examiner. The key-chord will first be sounded and the starting note appropriate to the candidate’s instrument will be named.
C To sing at sight a four-bar melody in \(\frac{2}{4}\) or \(\frac{3}{4}\) time to a simple accompaniment played by the examiner. The key-chord and starting note will first be sounded and named, and the pulse indicated.
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