UNIVERSITY OF MALTA
THE MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
ADVANCED LEVEL

MUSIC

MAY 2010

EXAMINERS’ REPORT

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE
EXAMINATIONS BOARD
Fifteen (15) candidates registered for the Music Advanced level examination. Only one (1) candidate was absent. The following table shows the distribution of grades.

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**Paper 1 – part 1**

Those candidates who do not prepare as they should for a good acknowledgement of aural musicianship find this paper as being difficult. However, during this session some candidates showed natural propensity and did well although the majority simply plodded through or failed.

**Paper 1 – part 2**

The exercises focusing on harmony and counterpoint showed that the majority of candidates had to prepare more since problems appeared in this part of the examination. However, on the other hand, candidates gave satisfactory answers to the analysis section.

**Paper 2 – part 1**

In this part of the examination the majority of the candidates showed lack of serious preparation in the Oral historical topics. Marks were deducted due to lack of good historical knowledge.

**Paper 2 – part 2**

Candidates showed a relatively satisfactory approach to analytical knowledge. Some also supported their answers with references to the actual musical score.

**Performance**

Most of the candidates secured a satisfactory performance. There were also candidates in pianoforte performances that did very well. Two candidates out of these also were awarded high marks both for their pianoforte performances and also in their attempts at composition.

Chairperson
Board of Examiners

October 2010