

Online Music Theory Examination (Grades 1 – 5)

Frequently Asked Questions – Before Examination

Q1. What kind of equipment must be prepared before the examination day?

- A. Laptop or desktop computer with webcam facility that allows for a 360 degree room scan and the internet.

Q2. Do I need to download the software before the examination day?

- A. You should download and install RPnow exam software using the link provided by ABRSM at least two weeks before the exam.

Q3. Are there any requirements about the exam venue?

- A. The exam room must be free from notes, books of any kind, any depiction of musical notes or any representation of a piano keyboard. If this is not possible then all books should remain closed and out of reach and any depiction of musical notation or representation of a piano keyboard, including an actual piano, should be covered so it is not visible.

Q4. If I take the exam with other candidates, what should I do before the start of the exam?

- A. A Responsible Adult must be present during the exam and the candidates must sit back to back, face to face or a sufficient distance away from each other to make sure they cannot see each other's screens.

Once the necessary ID checks and room scans are complete and the exam has started, the candidate needs to say to the microphone: “I am sitting with other candidates and the Responsible Adult is present”. This is so that the proctor is aware of the exam conditions for these candidates.

Q5. What information should a candidate enter before the start of the exam?

- A. At the start of the exam, candidates will need to launch the exam secure browser (RP Now Proctoring software) and the candidate will be asked for their name, email address and telephone number (optional). For candidates under 18 or vulnerable adults, this should be the candidate's name, but the email address and telephone number (optional) should be the Responsible Adult's.

Q6. Is there any sample paper for us to get familiar with the exam format?

- A. Free Sample Papers and Model Answers for Grades 1 to 5 are available on ABRSM's website at www.abrsm.org/musictheoryupdates.

Q7. When will I receive the login account information?

- A. Access to the online exam platform will be provided to the applicant by email two weeks before the exam. Applicants will receive a link, with a password following separately. It is the applicant's responsibility to forward the link and the password to their candidates as effectively as possible.

Q8. When can I log in the online exam system for practice?

- A. Two weeks before the exam, candidates with a booked exam will have the opportunity to log in to the online exam platform and try a selection of practice exam questions to help them understand what to expect on the exam day. These questions will be available until the day before the exam. It is not possible to provide answers to these and they are available only as a guide to understand the functionality of the system.

Q9. Can I take the exam by tablet or mobile phone?

- A. No. Laptop or desktop computer with webcam facility that allows for a 360 degree room scan should be used.