General Musicianship Questions

You will be asked five General Musicianship Questions at the end of the exam. The examiner will ask questions based on pieces you have played in the exam. Some of the theoretical topics can be found in the Technical Exercises.

Topics:

- i) Music theory
- ii) Knowledge of your instrument

The music theory questions will cover the recognition of the following at this grade:

Note pitches

Note values

Rests

Time Signatures

Key Signatures

D.S. and D.C. al Coda

Ral. and Rit.

Dynamic markings (p, mp, mf, f and ff)

Repeat markings

Accents, staccato and vibrato Hammer on and pull off

Cresc. and dim. Fermata (pause)

Knowledge of the construction of the following chord types:

Major

Major 7

Dominant ⁷

Minor

Minor⁷

The instrument knowledge questions will cover the following topics at this grade:

Plugging into the amplifier and the guitar

Volume and tone adjustments on the guitar

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Knowledge of two open string tuning methods not involving a tuning device

Knowledge of parts of the guitar:

Fretboard, neck, body, tuning pegs, nut, pickups, bridge, pickup selectors, scratchplate and jack socket

Knowledge of main guitar makes.

Knowledge of main pickup types.

Questions on all these topics will be based on pieces played by you in the exam. Tips on how to approach this part of the exam can be found in the Rockschool Companion Guide and on the Rockschool website: www.rockschool.co.uk.