Les Misérables

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Group E: Stylistic Studies

You will need to choose one stylistic technical study from the group of styles listed below. Your choice will determine the style of the Quick Study Piece. If you choose the jazz and blues stylistic study, for example, the examiner will give you a QSP from the jazz and blues group.

- Pop and musical theatre
- Soul and R'n'B
- Jazz and blues
- Rock and indie





Controlling dynamic legato and staccato phrasing / Wide pitch jumps

In this part of the exam you will be asked five questions. Three of these will be about general music knowledge, the fourth will be about improvisation and the fifth will be about your voice or the microphone.

Part 1 | General Music Knowledge

The examiner will ask three music knowledge questions from the categories below. The questions will be based on one of the pieces (including Free Choice Pieces) as performed by you in the exam. You can choose which one.

If there are handwritten notes on the piece you have chosen, the examiner may ask you to choose an alternative.

You will be asked to *identify and explain*:

- Any notation used in the chosen piece.
- Recognition of intervals up to an octave between two adjacent notes. (You will need to state major, minor or perfect).

Part 2 | Improvisation

You will be asked to briefly *describe and demonstrate* – with reference to melody, rhythm, phrasing, dynamics and expression – your approach to how you would improvise any part of your chosen song. You can choose the part.

Part 3 | Your Voice And The Microphone

The examiner will also ask you one question about your voice or the microphone. Brief demonstrations to assist your answer would be acceptable.

You will be asked:

- What type of exercise might you use to practise 'flipping between registers', including the pitches you would use in the exercise for your voice?
- Give two examples of vocal effects you might employ while singing in the rock style.
- Explain the difference between 'warm-ups' and 'technical practice', including one example of the type of exercise used for each.
- What equalization settings might you use to correct a singer with a very 'nasal' sound?