

**AMEB Exam Cheat Sheet** NB: this simply is a practise sheet to help with exam questions and answers.

**Arabia (Tansman)**

What does the title mean?

The title is pictorial and gives the exotic image of the region of Arabia through the use of the double harmonic scale and E drone throughout.

What key is this in?

E minor but actually uses the double harmonic minor, also known as the Hungarian Gypsy Minor or Egyptian minor scale. The key signature has an F sharp.


Notation:


*Andante* - walking pace


Metronome marking - around 50 dotted minims per minute  $\text{♩} \cdot = 50$


*Piu f* - *piu forte* - a little loud


3/4 - time signature - 3 crotchet beats in each bar  $\frac{3}{4}$


Treble clef - notes in higher range are written here 

Bass clef - notes in a lower range are written here 

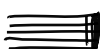
Stave/staff - the 5 lines and 4 spaces that music is written on 


Barlines - divides the music into equal bars 


Slurs - play *legato* (smooth and well-connected) 

Ledger lines - lines that are added to notes outside the staff 

*Crescendo* - gradually getting louder *cresc.* 


Double bar lines - denotes the end of the piece 


Bar numbers - the small numbers found at the beginning of each line 


Fingering - numbers below and above the notes to show which fingers to use 

*Diminuendo* - gradually getting softer *dim.* 

*Fine* - end

Tie - hold the notes for the combined value 

Repeat sign - repeat the section. 

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat 


*Legato* - smooth and well-connected


*pp* - pianissimo - very soft

*p* - piano - soft

*mp* - mezzo piano - moderately soft

*Rall- rallentando* - gradually getting slower

Fermata - pause - hold the note for longer than written 

Sharp - raise the note a semitone 

Also need to know the note names (eg ABCDEFG) and rhythmical values (eg crotchets, minims, semibreves, quavers etc)