

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

Mazurka (William Gillock)

What does the title mean?

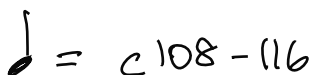
A mazurka is the national Polish dance, in 3/4 time (simple triple time), featuring dotted rhythm and sometimes accent on the 2nd or 3rd beat. The Polish national anthem is a mazurka and Chopin (Polish composer) wrote many mazurkas for the piano.


What key is this in?


A minor.


Notation:


Tempo di Mazurka - at the speed of a mazurka

Metronome marking - around 108 to 116 crotchets per minute 


f - forte - loud 


3/4 - time signature - 3 crotchet beats per bar - simple triple time 


Treble clef - notes in higher range are written here 


Bass clef - notes in a lower range are written here 

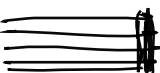
Stave/staff - the 5 lines and 4 spaces that music is written on 

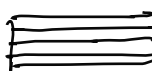
Barlines - divides the music into equal bars 


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


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


Crescendo - gradually getting louder 

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 


Staccato - short and detached touch 


Staccato + slur - *mezzo staccato* - moderately short and detached touch 


mp - *mezzo piano* - moderately soft 


mf - *mezzo forte* - moderately loud 


Tenuto - stress the note by holding for full value 


Crotchet rest - rest for 1 beat 

Sharp - raise the note a semitone 

Flat - lower the note a semitone 

Natural - cancel the sharp or flat accidental 

Accent - play the note loudly 

Whole bar rest- rest for a whole bar 

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

