American Guild of Organists

Colleague Examination

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The candidate is to examine C6 – C8 for 20 minutes maximum, prior to administration of the test.

C6. (10 points) Do a, b, or c.

(N.B.: Candidates for NPM-AGO certification choose option b or c.)

a. Harmonize this hymn tune.

b. Harmonize this plainsong melody.
SIGHT – READING

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This paper is not to be given to the candidate until the moment to sight-read.

C5. (10 points) Play the passage on the back of this page at sight.

(You have one minute to scan this exercise before playing.)
Moderato

Organ

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c. Supply an accompaniment to this folk-style melody.
C7. (10 points) Transpose the following passage of music up a half-step and down a whole-step. Do not play it first in the original key.
C8. (10 points) Do a, b, or c.

a. Improvise two clearly defined phrases, each about 4 measures long:

First phrase: Begin in D major and modulate to B minor.
Second phrase: Begin in B minor and modulate to G major.

b. Improvise a short piece of about 16 measures on the following melodic motive. The first half should modulate from F major to D minor; the second half should modulate from D minor to B-flat major.

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c. Provide a modulating bridge of about 30 seconds’ length between BRYN CALFARIA and AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM. The two hymns are printed on the following pages. Begin by playing the final phrase of the first hymn; and after the bridge conclude by playing the first phrase of the second hymn.
10. Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

BRYN CALIFARIA

1. Lord, en-throned in heav-en-ly splen-dor, First-be-got-ten from the dead,
   You a-lone, our strong de-fend-er, Now lift up Your peo-ple’s head.
   Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

   Heaven and earth with loud ho-san-na Wor-ship You, the Lamb who died.
   Je-sus, true and liv-ing bread! Je-sus, true and liv-ing bread!

Words: George H. Bourne (1840-1935). Public domain.
1. Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;

2. 'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst His prison.

God hath brought forth Israel
Into joy from sadness;
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen.

Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Now rejoice, Jerusalem,
And with true affection

Led them, with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.
Welcame in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection!