

# Essay Topic for Advanced Level Classical Fest 2024

**Reminder: Students may either take the complete Advanced Level exam or write an essay and take only the vocabulary portion of the exam. Rules for the essay are on the web site.**

The following idioms are used in some contemporary compositions. Pick one and describe the idiom. Choose a piece of piano literature and discuss how the composer uses the idiom. Cite specific examples and include them in the essay.

## **Idioms:**

Expressionism

Nationalism

12-tone (dodecaphonic style)

Bitonality

Chromaticism

Avant-garde style

Serialism