Treble Clef Staff Paper: Design Spec and Teaching Guide

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

On a planned standard page with three systems, state where the treble clef appears and whether the writer draws it.

Answer: The treble clef appears at the start of each of the three systems and is printed, so the writer does not draw it.

Reason: The design prints a treble clef at the start of every system, so the writer begins after the clef.

Check: Confirm three systems are named and that the clef is described as printed at each system start.

Task 2

A writer uses a key signature of two sharps on a two-system page. State the order of clef and key signature on each system.

Answer: On each system, the printed treble clef comes first, then the two-sharp key signature, then the first note.

Reason: The clef fixes the reading of the staff, so the key signature follows it and precedes the notes.

Check: Check that the clef is first and the key signature is after it on both systems.

Task 3

A melody needs four systems and several ledger-line notes. Choose a page and give one reason.

Answer: Either the standard page or the reduced-staff page can be valid. The reduced-staff page gives more room for ledger lines and annotations; the standard page works if the writer needs more systems per page. The choice depends on how much space the notes require, judged by readability and by whether every system still begins with a printed treble clef.

Reason: Page choice is a layout decision with several valid outcomes, judged by readability and required features.

Check: Accept either page if the reason addresses space for ledger lines or annotation and required features (a printed treble clef at each system start) remain present.

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Task 4

Describe how to mark barlines in 3/4 meter on a planned page where barlines are user-drawn.

Answer: Decide 3/4 first, then mark a barline after every three beats. Do not assume pre-printed barlines unless a verified specification states they exist.

Reason: In 3/4, each measure contains three beats, so barlines fall after each group of three beats.

Check: Check that the meter is decided first and barlines are placed after every three beats.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Every system begins with a printed treble clef that has not been drawn over.
- [ ] Any key signature appears after the clef and before the first note.
- [ ] Barlines, if user-drawn, follow the chosen meter's beat count.
- [ ] Notes, ledger lines, and annotations have enough room to be read.
- [ ] The page choice (standard or reduced-staff) is justified by the length of the notation, and more than one valid choice is accepted.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?