Using Tonesavvy for Savvy Success

Here are the exercises you could do to study for the different parts of our test.

B. Making Scales

You could use TS to practice major, minor and harmonic minor scales. Select "Music Theory" and then "Scale Building"

<u>Major scales</u> - In the settings screen, click on "no accidentals" first. Then turn B-flat, E-flat, and A-flat and D-flat back on. For scale type turn off everything but major.

<u>Minor scales</u> - Click on "no accidentals" first. Turn on F# and C# minor. Turn off all scale types except minor and harmonic minor.

C. Key Signatures

Click on "Music Theory" and "Key Signatures." Turn off the signatures for F#, C#, Gb and Cb. Select "ask major and minor keys."

D. Making Triads

Click on the "Building Chords" exercise. Select "common accidentals." Default is our four chord types (major, minor, diminished and augmented) so you are good to go.

E. Intervals

You can use the "Interval Building" exercise. Here the settings options aren't perfect for us. First, I would pick "common accidentals" and leave the major, minor and perfect intervals turned on. However, that won't quiz us on augmented fourth and diminished fifth, which we definitely need, and maybe we also need the augmented second. SO, I would do another round with just augmented and diminished turned on, and fourth, fifth and second. It will ask you some extra stuff we don't care about, like the augmented fifth.

F. Recognizing Inverted Triads

Can tonesavvy quiz you on this? You bet it can. Select "Chord Identification." Turn off root position, turn on first and second inversion. You might as well turn off the augmented triads because there is no way I am going to ask you about an inverted augmented chord.

G. Recognizing Roman Numerals

TS is only set up to write your roman numeral chords, not recognize them. You can't have everything I guess. BUT writing your chords would be good practice - pick "Chord Functions." Click on "no accidentals" and then turn Bb, Eb and Ab back on. Turn off all chord types except for "diatonic triads." Select "ask major and minor keys."

H. Chord Progressions

Tonesavvy does not have this. There is surely some app somewhere that will let you write a chord progression and scan your work for mistakes, but it would probably not be set up the way we do it. :/