

Section One: Recital (60 marks)

Select **three** pieces from the following list (20 marks each)

As an alternative to the pieces below, candidates may perform up to 3 free choice pieces.
For guidance on selecting and approving free choice pieces please [click here](#)

Composer/Artist	Title	Book/Cat. Ref	Publisher/ Buy Here
V Lindsey-Clark	de Plata (Soleares)	MTB Books	MTB Book Shop
de Plata (Soleares)	El Jurillo	MTB Books	MTB Book Shop
Scottish Trad. arr. V Lindsey-Clark	Auld Lang Syne	MTB Books	MTB Book Shop
Trad. blues style, arr. V Lindsey-Clark	Way Back Blues	MTB Books	MTB Book Shop
Attributed to Thomas Campion	What if a Day or a Month or a Year	MTB Books	MTB Book Shop
Ferdinando Carulli	Valze Op.40 No.1	MTB Books	MTB Book Shop
Anonymous	Greensleeves: Ten Classical Pieces for Practising the Guitar Vol 1	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Sor	Allegretto Moderato in D Op.31 no.3	Tomplay or Complete Studies	tomplay.com
Ferrer	Vals	Tomplay or No.26 First Repertoire for Solo Guitar	tomplay.com or Faber

Tomplay pieces often include accompaniments and can be purchased individually using the link next to each piece or via a discounted subscription for MTB teachers/learners. To learn more about Tomplay and

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Composer/Artist	Title	Book/Cat. Ref	Publisher/ Buy Here
Ayala	El Coyuyo	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Vangelis	Chariots of Fire Theme	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Rota	'Le Parrian' (The Godfather)	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Vangelis	Folia (1492: Conquest of paradise)	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Procal Harem	A Whiter Shade of Pale	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Lindsey-Clark	Ragatelle	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Mair	Dance of the Mango Ice-cream - from One by One	N/A	Bergmann Editions
Dowland	Mistress Winter's Jump	N/A	Dowlands Dozen
Logy	Gigue	The Baroque Book	Chanterelle
J. S. Bach	Gavotte	The Baroque Book	Chanterelle
Carcassi	Galop Op.39 no.10	No.18 First Repertoire for Solo Guitar	Faber
Brouwer	Etude No.5	Etudes Simples Vol1	N/A
Anon/Aaron	Danse Irlandaise No.26	The Magic Guitar, Very Easy Pieces	Doberman

Section Two: Technical (25 marks)

Technical

Technical Exercises:

Perform all the technical exercises required for this grade

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Scales from Memory:

Perform the scales from memory required for this grade from the sheet

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Section Three: Musicianship (15 marks)

Prepare either option 1 or 2 below

Musicianship Option 1

Reading Skills:

Perform the rhythm exercises for this grade

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Listening Skills:

Sing the prepared aural tests for this grade

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Musicianship Option 2

Reading Skills:

Perform the rhythm exercises for this grade

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Duet:

Perform the duet for this grade

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Technical Exercises

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Exercise 1 - Aim for an accurate, steady left hand in Position II.

♩ = 60

17 **II**
i m a m i m a m i m a m

1 3 1 3 1 3 2 3 4 1 2 4 2 1 4

Tirando

20 **VII**

2 1 3 1 4 3 1 0 1 3 1 2 4 1 4 4 0

Exercise 2 - Selected from Giuliani's 120 right hand studies.

Sustain all notes through the bar.

♩ = 60

23 **I**

p *p*

25

Scales & Arpeggios from Memory

For the examination, the candidate should be asked to perform all the following scales and arpeggios from memory. All scales right hand im, tirando or apoyando - arpeggios tirando. Use any logical left hand fingers. All tempi given are minimum speeds.

♩ = 66

G Major (2 Octaves)



E Major (1 Octave)



B Minor Harmonic (1 Octave)



E Minor Melodic (1 Octave)



E Major Arpeggio (1 Octave)



B Minor Arpeggio (1 Octave)



C Minor Arpeggio (1 Octave)



Duet

1 (Candidate)

2

Sea Song

*Musicianship Duets on the MTB Syllabuses are not acceptable for use as Recital pieces for the same grade. Musicianship Duets are Listening Skills, not another piece and consequently are set at a more straightforward technical level.

Lively!

The musical score for 'Sea Song' is written for two staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked 'Lively!'. The score consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system starts with a dynamic of *mf*. The second system continues with *mf*. The third system begins with a dynamic of *p* and includes a *cresc* (crescendo) marking. The final system concludes with a dynamic of *ff* (fortissimo) and features accents (*>*) over the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Reading Skills

Candidates should practise the six clapping exercises below as part of their preparation to take this grade.

For the exam itself, the candidate should perform all six exercises in the order below at the indicated tempi. The candidate part should be clapped and the lower part should be provided using either the MTB Reading Skills recording for this grade, which can be downloaded [here](#), or a metronome (not clapped).

The image contains six numbered musical exercises, each consisting of two staves. The top staff is labeled 'candidate' and the bottom staff is labeled 'metronome'. Each exercise is in 6/8 time and consists of four measures. Exercise 1 has a tempo of ♩ = 74. Exercise 2 has a tempo of ♩ = 78. Exercise 3 has a tempo of ♩ = 104. Exercise 4 has a tempo of ♩ = 70. Exercise 5 has a tempo of ♩ = 110. Exercise 6 has a tempo of ♩ = 90. The exercises feature various rhythmic patterns, including eighth notes, quarter notes, and eighth rests, often grouped in beams.

Listening Skills

The candidate should practise all the exercises on this sheet with the accompanying Listening Skills recording as part of their preparation for the exam. The exam can be conducted either with the candidate responding to the recording or the teacher can deliver them using this sheet.

Only the teacher should have this sheet in front of them during the exam.

For each test, select *either* the treble *or* the bass clef exercises as appropriate to the range of the candidate's voice.

Test 1 - Singing back notes.

I shall play a 2 note chord, and then you shall sing back both the upper and lower notes.

We shall do this with 4 different chords.

Treble Clef

1. 2. 3. 4.

Bass Clef

1. 2. 3. 4.

Test 2 - Clapping back rhythms.

I shall count the pulse and then clap a rhythm. Clap it back immediately after you hear it.

We shall do this with 4 different rhythms.

1.

2.

3.

4.

Test 3 - Singing back melodic phrases.

I shall play a melodic phrase **twice**, and then you shall sing it back. We shall do this for 3 different melodies.

Treble Clef

1.

2.

3.

Bass Clef

1.

2.

3.

Syllabus Guidance

- The teacher is encouraged to speak to the candidate during the exam to put them at ease or to help them understand what is being requested. For more guidance on conducting/taking the exam [click here](#).
- The recording should not be turned off at any point during the exam until all elements of the assessment have been completed. For more recording advice [click here](#).
- For Practical Grades follow the above syllabus requirements. To learn about Performance Grade requirements please [click here](#).
- To learn more about how our exams are marked visit our Marking Criteria Page [here](#).

Recital Guidance - Practical & Performance Grades:

- Repeats are optional for MTB Exams, however, they are encouraged as they are often structurally important and can offer opportunities to display greater dynamic and expressive variation.
- All D.C. and D.S. marks should be observed (unless the syllabus specifies otherwise).
- The candidate should introduce each piece they are about to perform by stating its title.
- The teacher may help the candidate tune up before the exam begins. This should be done before starting the recording.
- Recorded accompaniments are acceptable as an alternative to a live accompanist. Make sure it is played on a different device to the one recording the exam.
- The composer's dynamics, phrasing etc should be observed in the pieces. Any editorial markings may be altered to allow for a personal interpretation. Where a piece contains no, or only limited, dynamic and expressive markings, the candidate is encouraged to include their own additional dynamic or expressive elements.
- Where a candidate presents Free Choice repertoire these must be of the correct grade standard. If such pieces fall below the required grade standard then examiners may reflect this in their marking. Free Choice Guidance can be found [here](#).
- Candidates wishing to submit 2 or more pieces with Jazz improvisation may do so as part of our free choice options, these will be marked by a Jazz specialist who will normally specialise in that section of instruments (i.e. Wind, Brass etc).

Technical & Musicianship Guidance - Practical Grades:

- The tempi given for the technical section exercises (scales from memory/technical exercises etc.) are minimum speed requirements.
- There are no unprepared elements in an MTB exam. All Technical and Musicianship elements should be practised by the candidate prior to taking the exam.
- If the Listening Skills fall outside of the candidate's vocal range, they may be transposed. However, all exercises within a test must be transposed by the same interval.
- For the duet option, the teacher part may be performed by the teacher, another pupil or any suitable player on any instrument from the same family (wind/brass/strings etc) with octave transpositions made as necessary. Alternatively, a recording can be used for the teacher part during the exam.
- Any suitable fingerings may be used for pieces and scales. However, any marked fingerings should be used for the technical exercises.
- Duets set in the Musicianship section cannot to be used as recital pieces.