

Section One: Recital (75 marks)

Select Three pieces from the following list (25 marks each)

As an alternative to the pieces below, candidates may perform up to 3 free choice pieces.
For guidance on free choice [click here](#). Contemporary syllabuses cover a range of styles including Rock, Pop, Jazz, Latin etc.

Composer/Artist	Title	Book/Cat. Ref	Publisher/ Buy Here
Deep Purple	Smoke on the Water (Guitar Accompaniment)	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Richard Wright	Daydream	Solo Now! Vol 1	Chanterelle
Lewis Capaldi	Someone You Loved (key C)	Easy Guitar Edition cat. ref: 422998	sheetmusicdirect.com
Oasis	Wonderwall, chordal accompaniment (key Em)	cat. ref: 41722	sheetmusicdirect.com
Louis Armstrong	What a Wonderful World (key C)	cat. ref: 154653	sheetmusicdirect.com
Cream	Sunshine of Your Love	Easy Guitar Edition cat. ref: 30068	sheetmusicdirect.com
Django Reinhardt	Nuages	Easy Guitar Edition cat. ref: 82079	sheetmusicdirect.com
The Beatles	Yesterday	Easy Guitar Edition cat. ref: 81964	sheetmusicdirect.com
Frank Sinatra	It Was A Very Good Year	Easy Guitar Edition cat. ref: 70555	sheetmusicdirect.com
The Ventures	James Bond Theme	cat. ref: 73997	sheetmusicdirect.com
Bob Dylan	Blowin' in the Wind (Chordal accompaniment only)	cat. ref: 13637	sheetmusicdirect.com

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 the subscription [click here](#).

Technical Exercises (25 marks)

Prepare all the technical exercises required for this grade which can be downloaded from the website (syllabus page) - [see the next page](#)

Technical Exercises

Technical Exercise 1

This exercise may be presented with or without an audible click/metronome. This may be played with plectrum or fingers.

♩ = 40

G major

Guitar

Guitar

T 3

A 0

B 2

3

E minor

Gtr.

Gtr.

2 3 0 1 3 0 1 2

0 0 3 3 0

0 0 0 0 2 2 0

Gtr.

Gtr.

2 0 4 2 0 0 2 1

0 3 1 0 3 0 0

Gtr.

Gtr.

Grade 1 Technical Exercise 2

This chord sequence is to be played with or without an audible click or metronome. This is to be "strummed" with either thumb, fingers or plectrum.

$\text{♩} = 60$

G major

A minor

G major

C major

Guitar

Guitar

	Measure 1 (G major)	Measure 2 (A minor)	Measure 3 (G major)	Measure 4 (C major)
T	3	0	3	0
A	0	1	0	1
B	0	2	0	0
	2	2	2	2
	3	0	3	3

D major

E minor

D major

G major

Gtr.

Gtr.

	Measure 1 (D major)	Measure 2 (E minor)	Measure 3 (D major)	Measure 4 (G major)
	2	0	2	3
	3	0	3	0
	2	0	2	0
	0	2	0	0
	0	2	0	2
	0	0	0	3

Technical Exercise 3

Whilst there are different ways that the D major 7th chord on bar 2 can be played, for the maximum benefit of this exercise for the grade stated it is suggested that candidates use a partial barre of the first finger.

This may be played with or without an audible click/metronome. This is to be played with either the fingers or a plectrum.

♩ = 85

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Technical Exercise 3 musical score, featuring guitar and bass staves with chords and fingerings.

Chords and Fingerings:

- D major:** Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: D4 (open), E4 (1), F#4 (2), G#4 (3), A4 (4), B4 (5). Bass clef: T (open), A (open), B (open). Fingering: 3, 2, 3, 2.
- D major 7th:** Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: D4 (open), E4 (1), F#4 (2), G#4 (3), A4 (4), B4 (5). Bass clef: T (open), A (open), B (open). Fingering: 2, 2, 3, 2.
- D6:** Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: D4 (open), E4 (1), F#4 (2), G#4 (3), A4 (4), B4 (5). Bass clef: T (open), A (open), B (open). Fingering: 0, 2, 3, 2.
- Em:** Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: E4 (open), G#4 (1), B4 (2), D5 (3), E5 (4), F#5 (5). Bass clef: 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0.
- A7:** Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: A4 (open), C#4 (1), E4 (2), G#4 (3), A4 (4), B4 (5). Bass clef: 2, 0, 3, 0, 4, 0.
- Bm:** Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: B4 (open), D5 (1), F#5 (2), G#5 (3), A5 (4), B5 (5). Bass clef: 2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 4.
- G:** Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: G4 (open), B4 (1), D5 (2), E5 (3), F#5 (4), G5 (5). Bass clef: 3, 3, 2, 3, 0, 0.
- A7:** Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: A4 (open), C#4 (1), E4 (2), G#4 (3), A4 (4), B4 (5). Bass clef: 2, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0.
- G:** Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: G4 (open), B4 (1), D5 (2), E5 (3), F#5 (4), G5 (5). Bass clef: 0, 3, 2, 0, 0, 0.
- A7:** Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: A4 (open), C#4 (1), E4 (2), G#4 (3), A4 (4), B4 (5). Bass clef: 0, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0.
- D:** Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: D4 (open), E4 (1), F#4 (2), G#4 (3), A4 (4), B4 (5). Bass clef: 3, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0.

Rehearsal Markings:

- 1.** First ending: G, A7, G, A7, D.
- 2.** Second ending: G, A7, D.

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.
- Duets set in the Musicianship section cannot to be used as recital pieces.

Note: In contrast to other MTB syllabuses, 'Section Three: Musicianship Section' (Reading Skills, Listening Skills and Duet) does not feature in Contemporary syllabuses