

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
Cravalho Auli'i	How Far Will I Go (Moana)	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Pasek & Paul	Million Dreams (The Greatest Showman)	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Lana del Rey	Born to Run	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Ben E. King	Stand By Me	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Schumann	Album for the Young Op.68 Book 1 no.3: Humming Song	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Spiritual	All Day, All Night	Easy Winners Arr. Lawrance	Brass Wind Publications
Spiritual	It's Me Oh Lord	Easy Winners Arr. Lawrance	Brass Wind Publications
Pam Wedgwood	Cheeky Cherry	Really Easy Jazzin' About for Trombone	Faber Music
Pam Wedgwood	Wrap It Up	Really Easy Jazzin' About for Trombone	Faber Music

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](#).

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Trombone

Composer/Artist	Title	Book/Cat. Ref	Publisher/ Buy Here
Hans Zimmer & Trevor Morris	I've Got My Eye On You (Pirates of the Caribbean)	Winners Scores All, Arr. Lawrance	Brass Wind Publications
Susato	La Mourisque	Winners Scores All, Arr. Lawrance	Brass Wind Publications
Humperdinck	Evening Prayer (from Hansel and Gretel)	Winners Scores All, Arr. Lawrance	Brass Wind Publications
Bernstein	One Hand, One Heart	Easy Winners Arr. Lawrance	Brass Wind Publications
Diabelli	The Joker	The Magic Trombone, Arr. Hare	Boosey & Hawkes
Trad	Song of the Volga Boatmen	The Magic Trombone, Arr. Hare	Boosey & Hawkes
Anon. French	Fais dodo (Goodnight, sleep tight!)	Bravo! Trombone, Arr. Barratt	Boosey & Hawkes
Barratt	Ballyhoo!	Bravo! Trombone, Arr. Barratt	Boosey & Hawkes
Barratt	Curtain Raiser	Bravo! Trombone, Arr. Barratt	Boosey & Hawkes
Bourgeois	No.1 or 2	Splinters of Bone	Brass Wind Publications
Endresen	No.1 or 2	Supplementary Studies for Trombone	Rubank Publications
Nightingale	No.1 or 3	Easy Jazzy 'Tudes	Warwick Music

Section Two: Technical (25 marks)

Prepare either option 1 or 2 below

Technical Option 1

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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Technical Option 2

Technical Exercises:

Perform all the technical exercises required for this grade

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Alternative to Scales from Memory:

Perform the alternative to 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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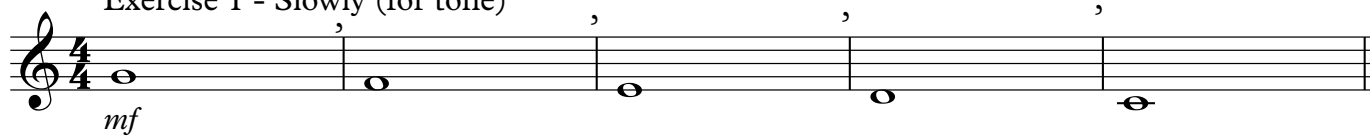
Duet:

Perform the duet for this grade

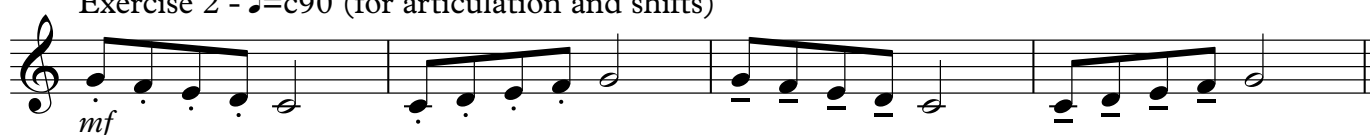
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Technical Exercises

Exercise 1 - Slowly (for tone)



Exercise 2 - ♩=c90 (for articulation and shifts)



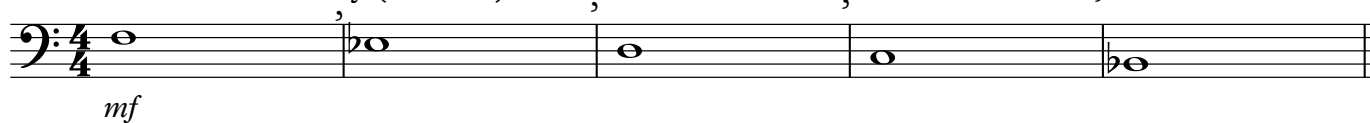
Exercise 3 - Lip Slurs ♩=c80



Technical Exercises

Grade 1

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Exercise 3 - Lip Slurs ♩=c80



Scales & Arpeggios from Memory

For the examination, the candidate should be asked to perform all the following scales and arpeggios from memory. They should perform each scale and arpeggio either tongued or slurred as requested by the teacher. The teacher should aim for an even distribution of articulations.

Scales ♩ = 50 Arpeggios triplet ♩ = 72

C major scale



A minor harmonic scale (only 1 version harmonic or melodic required)



A minor melodic scale



C major arpeggio



A minor arpeggio



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Bb major scale



G minor harmonic scale (only 1 version harmonic or melodic required)



G minor melodic scale



Bb major arpeggio



G minor arpeggio



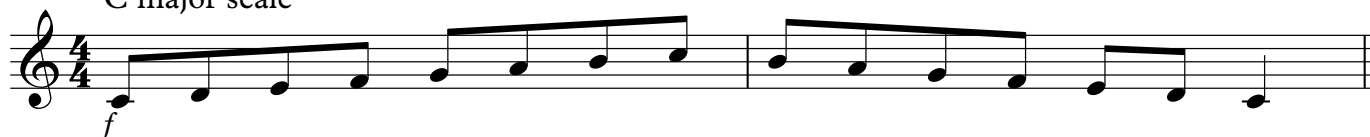
Alternative to Scales from Memory

The following do not need to be played from memory

For the examination perform *all* the following
(only 1 version of minors - harmonic or melodic are required)

Scales ♩ = 50 Arpeggios triplet ♩=72

C major scale



C major scale with rhythmic pattern



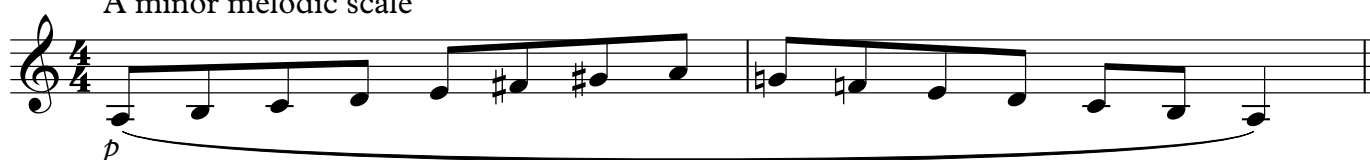
A minor harmonic scale (only 1 version harmonic or melodic required)



A minor harmonic scale with rhythmic pattern



A minor melodic scale



A minor melodic scale with rhythmic pattern



C major arpeggio



A minor arpeggio



Alternative to Scales from Memory

The following do not need to be played from memory

For the examination perform *all* the following
(only 1 version of minors - harmonic or melodic are required)

Scales ♩ = 44 Arpeggios triplet ♩=66

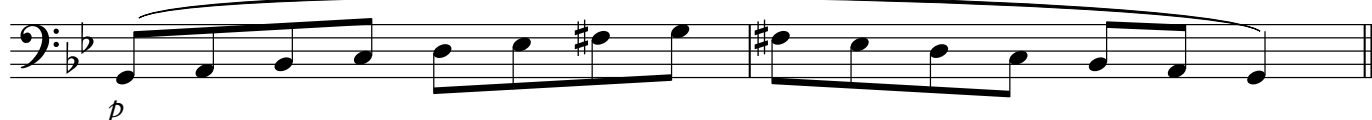
Bb major scale



Bb major scale with rhythmic pattern



G minor harmonic scale (only 1 version harmonic or melodic required)



G minor harmonic scale with rhythmic pattern



G minor melodic scale



G minor melodic scale with rhythmic pattern



Bb major arpeggio



G minor arpeggio



Treble Clef

Select ONE of the following two duets

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.

Moderato - having fun!

Catch the Ball

1 Candidate

2

mf

mf

p

mf

p

mf

Andante - dreamily!

Shining Bright

1 Candidate

2

mf

mp

f

mp

mf

mf

p

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mf

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Bass Clef

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Shining Bright

Andante - dreamily!

1 Candidate

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mf

mp

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mf

mf

p

mf

mp

mf

p

mf

p

p

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).

1

♩ = 90
candidate

metronome

2

♩ = 82

3

♩ = 104

4

♩ = 116

5

♩ = 80

6

♩ = 108

Listening Skills

(Aural tests)

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 note and then you shall sing it back. We shall do this for 4 different notes.



Test 2 - Clapping back rhythms.

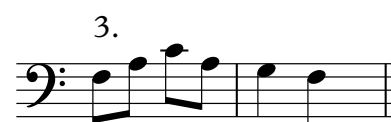
I shall count the pulse and then clap a rhythm. Clap it back immediately after you hear it.

We shall do this with 4 different rhythms.



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.



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.