

MTB Pre-Grade Higher Contemporary Singing

Recital

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 selecting and approving free choice pieces please [click here](#)

Composer/Artist	Title	Book/Cat. Ref	Publisher
The McPeake Family	Will Ye Go Lassie Go?	SMD Cat. Ref: 56576	sheetmusicdirect.com
Ewan MacColl	Dirty old Town	SMD Cat. Ref: 1125579	sheetmusicdirect.com
Traditional	Sosban Fach	SMD Cat. Ref: 1033954	sheetmusicdirect.com
Robert Louis Stevenson	The Skye Boat Song	SMD Cat. Ref: 197939	sheetmusicdirect.com
George Gershwin	Summertime	SMD Cat. Ref: 158828	sheetmusicdirect.com
Norah Jones	Come Away with Me	SMD Cat. Ref: 21451	sheetmusicdirect.com
Andrew Lloyd Webber	Any Dream Will Do (Joseph)	SMD Cat. Ref: 43797	sheetmusicdirect.com
Lionel Bart	I'd Do Anything (Oliver)	SMD Cat. Ref: 15866	sheetmusicdirect.com
Bruno Mars	The Lazy Song	SMD Cat. Ref: 77969	sheetmusicdirect.com
Neil Diamond	Sweet Caroline	SMD Cat. Ref: 16699	sheetmusicdirect.com
Carole King	You've Got a Friend	SMD Cat. Ref: 80005	sheetmusicdirect.com
Pink	Cover Me in Sunshine	SMD Cat. Ref: 480321	sheetmusicdirect.com
Stevie Wonder	I just Called to Say I Love You	SMD Cat. Ref: 50807	sheetmusicdirect.com

Technical Exercises (25 marks)

Prepare all the technical exercises required for this grade from the [next page](#)

Technical Exercises

Technical Exercise 1

This may be sung in any key to suit the candidate's range, the key notated being just an example. Any reliable syllable may be chosen ie. la, da, ba etc. The tempo is to be followed and the exercise may be sung to an audible click if desired. The accompaniment or starter notes may be played on any instrument, eg. piano, keyboard or guitar. The accompaniment should not overlap the candidate's singing.

M. Pleass

♩=70

Candidate

Accompaniment

6


12

16

Technical Exercise 2

The following two rhythms are to be sung using any reliable syllable ie. ba, da, la. The tempo is to be followed and the count in may be provided by the candidate, the teacher or a metronome click

$\text{♩} = 80$
(Count in)



Technical Exercise 2 Example (B)

$\text{♩} = 80$
(Count in)



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](#).
- Unless otherwise specified, vocal repertoire may be transposed into any key suitable for the candidate's range.

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.