

Section One: Recital (60 marks)

Select three pieces from the following lists (20 marks each)

If you are using a Keyboard that is not touch sensitive, it is important to use other means to replace dynamics such as different voicing. In pieces with limited or no given registrations, tempo markings, dynamics, voice/fill markings, etc. the candidate must select these as part of their interpretation so as to produce a musically rewarding performance and exploit the potential of their keyboard. You may select pieces from either list below, or from both lists. Two versions of the same song, with different LH variations may appear. In this event, you may select only **one** version of the song.

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
Pieces aimed at Electric Keyboard			
Ed Sheeran	Perfect	SMD Cat Ref: 254624	sheetmusicdirect.com
Tones and I	Dance Monkey	SMD Cat Ref: 446781	sheetmusicdirect.com
Howard Ashman	Beauty and The Beast	SMD Cat Ref: 186089	sheetmusicdirect.com
Mel Leven	Cruella De Vil	SMD Cat Ref: 188782	sheetmusicdirect.com
John Williams	Raiders March (Raiders of the Lost Ark)	SMD Cat Ref: 119039	sheetmusicdirect.com
Balfe	I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marble Halls	MTB Keyboard Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Bizet	Habanera	MTB Keyboard Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Mendelssohn	Nocturne	MTB Keyboard Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Traditional	The Geordie Collection	MTB Keyboard Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Vivaldi	Winter	MTB Keyboard Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Ward	Elise goes to Rio	MTB Keyboard Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Ward	Siciliana	MTB Keyboard Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Ward	Smoky and Sly	MTB Keyboard Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Ward	Xenon	MTB Keyboard Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Weiss/ Peretti/ Creatore	Can't Help Falling in Love	Complete Keyboard Player Greatest Hits	Wise
De Senneville	Ballade pour Adeline	Complete Keyboard Player Greatest Hits	Wise
Williams	Star Wars (Main Theme)	Complete Keyboard Player Book 3	Wise

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](#).

MTB Grade 3 Keyboard

Composer/Artist	Title	Book/Cat. Ref	Publisher/ Buy here
Andersson/ Ulvaeus	Mamma Mia	Complete Keyboard Player Book 3	Wise
Bacharach	Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head	Really Easy Piano Film Songs	Wise
Bart	From Russia with Love	Easy Keyboard Library James Bond	IMP
Crow & Froom	Tomorrow Never Dies**	Easy Keyboard Library James Bond	IMP
Berryman/ Martin/ Buckland/ Champion	Viva La Vida	Really Easy Piano New Chart Hits	Wise
Chambers/ Williams	Angels*	Easiest Keyboard Collection Robbie Williams	Wise
Velazquez	Bésame Mucho	Easiest Keyboard Collection Latin	Wise
Pieces aimed at using the Keyboard as a Piano			
Please be aware not all pieces will be suitable for a Keyboard with a shorter range. It is acceptable to adapt pieces with octave transpositions. For Keyboards that are not touch sensitive other means need to be used to replace dynamics, as listed above.			
Josh Groban	You Raise Me Up	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Tchaikovsky	Old French Song	Tomplay or Classics to Moderns Book 3	tomplay.com or Yorktown Music Press
Kabalevsky	Clowns	Tomplay or Classics to Moderns Book 3	tomplay.com or Yorktown Music Press
Villa-Lobos	Historias da Carochinha - E a princesinha dancava	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Schifrin	Mission Impossible	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Tiersen	Comptine d'un autre ete : L'après midi	Tomplay	tomplay.com
John Williams	Theme (Star Wars)	SMD Cat Ref: 92632	sheetmusicdirect.com
Mona Rejino	Clowns on Unicycles	SMD Cat Ref: 56501	sheetmusicdirect.com
Friedrich Burgmuller	Innocence	MTB Piano Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Genari Karganov	Game of Patience	MTB Piano Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Kirchner	Allegretto Scherzando	MTB Piano Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Bela Bartok	Dance	MTB Piano Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Stephen Heller	The Avalanche	MTB Piano Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	Rondo	MTB Piano Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop
Chris Mitchell	Romance	MTB Piano Book Grade 3	MTB Bookshop

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H.Mancini	The Pink Panther	SMD Cat Ref: 79189	sheetmusicdirect.com
C.Setliff	Flying Fingers	SMD Cat Ref: 77249	sheetmusicdirect.com
J.Powell	Test Drive	SMD Cat Ref: 125621	sheetmusicdirect.com
Schumann	First Loss	Classics to Moderns Book 3	Yorktown Music Press
Seiber	Tango 2 (Habanera)	Easy Dances Book 1	Schott
Seiber	Foxtrot 1	Easy Dances Book 1	Schott
Seiber	Slow Fox	Easy Dances Book 1	Schott
Soufiane	Halim El-Dabh	Piano Music of Africa and the African Diaspora Vol 1	OUP
Ulysses Kay	Tender Thought	Piano Music of Africa and the African Diaspora Vol 1	OUP
Seiber	Cake – Walk Blues	Easy Dances Book 2	Schott
Seiber	Blues	Easy Dances Book 2	Schott
Seiber	Tango-Fox	Easy Dances Book 2	Schott
Haydn	Allegro Scherzando in F major	Masterpieces with Flair - Book 1	Alfred
John Williams	Schindler's List	Making the Grade 3 (revised edition)	Chester
Julian Nott	Wallace and Gromit theme	It's Easy to Play New Film Themes	Wise
Harold Arlen	Over the Rainbow	Complete Piano Player Book 3	Wise
Maurice Jarre	Laurence of Arabia	Complete Piano Player Book 3	Wise
Burt Bacharach	Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head	Complete Piano Player Book 3	Wise
Alan Bullard	Tarantella	Mastering the Piano Level 2 Lang Lang Piano Academy	Faber
Trad. Japanese	Takeda Lullaby	Mastering the Piano Level 2 Lang Lang Piano Academy	Faber
C S Lang	Cello Solo	Mastering the Piano Level 2 Lang Lang Piano Academy	Faber

Section Two: Technical (25 marks)

Prepare either option 1 or 2 below

Technical Option 1: Electric Keyboard

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: Keyboard as Piano

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, 2 or 3 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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Musicianship Option 3

Reading Skills:

Perform the rhythm exercises for this grade

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Improvisation:

Perform the exercise for this grade

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Technical Exercises

Prepare both exercises. Keyboard registrations should be set up and instructions followed exactly as written. Music may be used in the examination.

Voice: Tenor Saxophone

Style: Waltz

♩ = 120

F#m C# F#m C# Judith Ward

Voice: Electric Piano

Style: Slow Bossanova

♩ = 100

A F#m Amaj7 D Judith Ward

1 Sync start

Technical Exercises

For Keyboards that aren't touch sensitive, dynamics should be replaced with staccato/ tenuto.
(P= Staccato, MF/F= Tenuto)

Exercise 1

Hands separately

♩ = 102

5
4

1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2

1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2

hold down throughout

Exercise 2

♩ = 60

5
2
1

p *mf* *f*

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

(pedalling optional)

mf *p*

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

Scales from Memory

For the examination the candidate should perform all of the following from memory.

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A major scale - two octaves, hands together

Musical notation for the A major scale (two octaves, hands together). The piece is in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The right hand starts on A4 and the left hand starts on A2. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 above or below notes. The scale is played in a steady eighth-note rhythm.

Judith Ward

Eb major scale - two octaves, hands together

Musical notation for the Eb major scale (two octaves, hands together). The piece is in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of three flats (Bb, Eb, and Ab). The right hand starts on Eb4 and the left hand starts on Eb2. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-4 above or below notes. The scale is played in a steady eighth-note rhythm.

Judith Ward

C blues scale - two octaves, right hand, swing rhythm

Musical notation for the C blues scale (two octaves, right hand, swing rhythm). The piece is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The scale is played in a swing rhythm. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-4 above or below notes.

Keyboard Grade Three

Aimed at the Electric Keyboard

Judith Ward

Eb major arpeggio
Two octaves
Hands together

Musical notation for Eb major arpeggio, two octaves, hands together. The piece is in Eb major (three flats). The right hand starts on G3 and the left hand on G2. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-4 above or below notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Judith Ward

F# minor arpeggio
Two octaves
Hands together

Musical notation for F# minor arpeggio, two octaves, hands together. The piece is in F# minor (three sharps). The right hand starts on G#3 and the left hand on G#2. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-4 above or below notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

C minor chords

Judith Ward

Musical notation showing three C minor chords in the bass clef. The first is the root position (C3, Eb3, Gb3), the second is the 1st inversion (Eb3, Gb3, C4), and the third is the 2nd inversion (Gb3, C4, Eb4).

Root position 1st inversion 2nd inversion

C minor 7th chords

Judith Ward

Musical notation showing four C minor 7th chords in the bass clef. The first is the root position (C3, Eb3, Gb3, Bb3), the second is the 1st inversion (Eb3, Gb3, Bb3, C4), the third is the 2nd inversion (Gb3, Bb3, C4, Eb4), and the fourth is the 3rd inversion (Bb3, C4, Eb4, Gb4).

Root position 1st inversion 2nd inversion 3rd inversion

Scales from Memory

All scales should be played legato unless stated otherwise ♩ = 80

Scales

A major, two octaves, hands together

Musical notation for A major scale, two octaves, hands together. The treble clef starts on A4 and the bass clef starts on A2. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 above or below notes.

Bb major, two octaves, hands together

Musical notation for Bb major scale, two octaves, hands together. The treble clef starts on Bb4 and the bass clef starts on Bb2. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 above or below notes.

G harmonic minor, two octaves, hands together

Musical notation for G harmonic minor scale, two octaves, hands together. The treble clef starts on G4 and the bass clef starts on G2. The scale includes a raised 7th degree (F#). Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 above or below notes.

G melodic minor, one octave, staccato, hands together

Musical notation for G melodic minor scale, one octave, staccato, hands together. The treble clef starts on G4 and the bass clef starts on G2. The scale includes a raised 6th degree (F#) in the ascending direction. Notes are marked with staccato dots. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 above or below notes.

Contrary Motion

A major, two octaves, hands together

Musical notation for A major scale, two octaves, hands together in contrary motion. The treble clef starts on A4 and the bass clef starts on A2. The hands move in opposite directions. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 above or below notes.

Duet Selection

The Sedan Chair

(abridged) from Pièces Romantique op. 55 Cecile Chaminade (1857-1944)

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.

Stately (♩ = 104)

TEACHER

The musical score is written for a single piano part, labeled 'TEACHER'. It is in 4/4 time with a tempo of 104 beats per minute. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The score is divided into six systems of five measures each. The first system starts with a piano (*pp*) dynamic. The second system begins at measure 5. The third system begins at measure 10. The fourth system begins at measure 15 and includes a piano (*p*) dynamic. The fifth system begins at measure 20 and also includes a piano (*p*) dynamic. The sixth system begins at measure 25 and includes a *poco rit.* marking. The piece concludes with a final chord in the right hand and a whole note in the left hand.

The Sedan Chair

(abridged) from Pièces Romantique op. 55

Cecile Chaminade (1857-1944)

PUPIL

Stately (♩ = 104)

8^{va}

8^{va}

6

12

pp *mf*

18

p

24

pp *poco rit.*

Improvisation

Improvise a melody over a given chord sequence in a familiar key. The style is chosen by the teacher and may be in 3/4 (e.g. Waltz) or 4/4 (e.g. 8 Beat), MM=80. Chords are played by the candidate and may be full-fingered or single-fingered at the candidate's choice.

Any of these chord sequences may be used.

Judith Ward

Chord sequence: G, Em, C, D, C, G, D, G

Chord sequence: Dm, Gm, Dm, A, Bb, Gm, A, Dm

Chord sequence: F, Bb, Dm, C, Bb, F, C, F

Chord sequence: D, A, Bm, A, G, D, A, D

Chord sequence: Gm, D, Gm, D, Cm, Gm, D, Gm

Reading Skills

[Click here to find the MTB Reading Skills recordings](#)

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 or a metronome (not clapped).

1

♩. = 74

candidate

metronome

2

♩. = 78

3

♩. = 104

4

♩. = 70

5

♩. = 110

6

♩. = 90

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

Bass Clef

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](#).
- Any suitable fingerings may be used for pieces and scales. However, any marked fingerings should be used for the technical exercises.

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.