

# MTB Pre-Grade Introductory 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
Traditional	Michael Finnigin	Sing Together, 100 Songs for Unison Singing	Oxford University Press
Traditional	What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor	Sing Together, 100 Songs for Unison Singing	Oxford University Press
Traditional	This Old Man	Sing Together, 100 Songs for Unison Singing	Oxford University Press
Traditional	The Noble Duke of York	Sing Together, 100 Songs for Unison Singing	Oxford University Press
Traditional arr. Vera Gray	Little Brown Jug	Apusskidu	A C & Black
Traditional	There's A Hole In My Bucket (and 4 verses)	Apusskidu	A C & Black
Traditional	The Animals Went On Two By Two (3 verses)	Apusskidu	A C & Black
Tom Paxton	Going To The Zoo	Apusskidu	A C & Black
Unknown	Keep That Wheel A Turning	Ta-ra-ra boom-de-ay	A C & Black

## Singing Skills (25 marks)

Prepare all the Singing Skills required for this grade which can be downloaded from the [next page](#)

**Please go to [page 3](#) to find syllabus Guidance**

# Singing Skills

## Section A

I will give you the starting note for each of the following 4 exercises.  
Sing back the 8 notes to any syllable in your own time. (Sound starting note)

Exercise 1



Exercise 2



Exercise 3



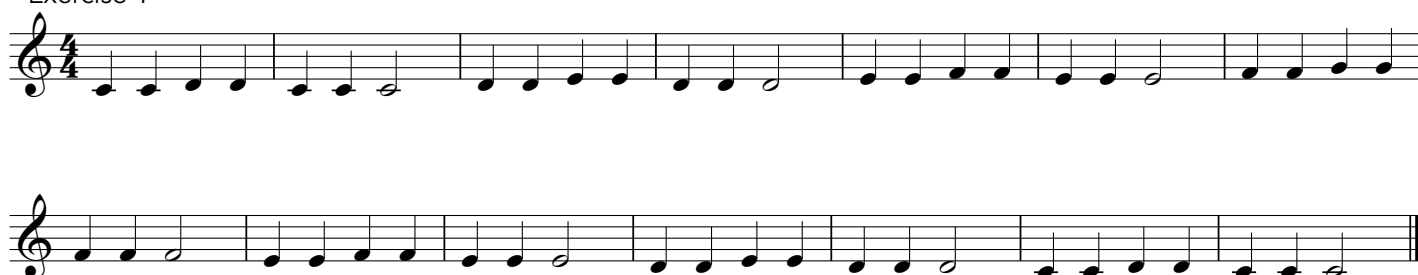
Exercise 4



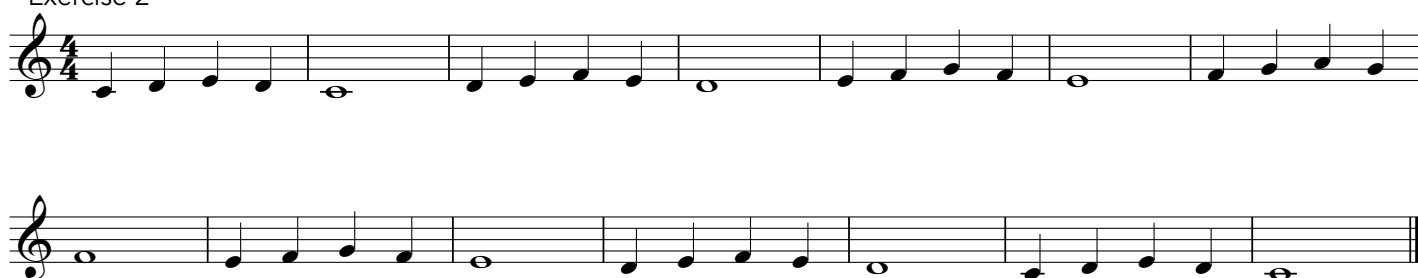
## Section B

I will play a piano accompaniment and you will sing the following 2 exercises.  
Before each, you will hear a bar of metronome and a bar of count.  
Your starting note is '...' (Sound note and begin count)

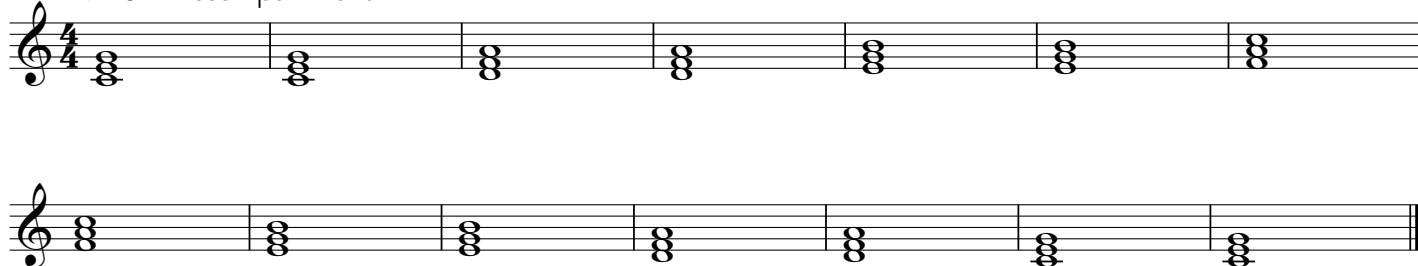
Exercise 1



Exercise 2



Ex. 1 & 2 Accompaniment



## 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.