

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
Lin-Manuel Miranda	Burn (Hamilton)	Vocal Selections	Faber
Andrew Lippa	Pulled	Contemporary Musical Theatre for Teens	Hal Leonard
Maury Yeston	Unusual Way	Singers Musical Theatre Anthology Vol 2 Soprano	Hal Leonard
Sondheim	Giants in the Sky	Sondheim for Singers	Hal Leonard
Lucy Simon	A Bit of Earth (The Secret Garden)	Vocal Selections	Alfred
Stephen Schwartz	Dancing Through Life (Wicked)	Vocal Selections	Hal Leonard
Andrew Lloyd Webber	The Music of the Night (Phantom of the Opera)	Vocal Selections	Hal Leonard
Boublil and Schönberg	Why God Why? (Miss Saigon)	Vocal Selections	Wise
Gluck	O del Mio Dolce Ardor	Tomplay or The Language of Song Advanced	tomplay.com: Bass / Alto / Mezzo / Baritone / Tenor / Soprano or Faber
Fauré	Les Berceaux	Tomplay or Available separately (medium / low voice)	tomplay.com or Available separately (medium / low voice)
Schumann	Widmung	Tomplay or Published Separately	tomplay.com or Musicnotes
Pergolesi	Stizzoso Mio Stizzoso	Tomplay	Bass / Alto / Mezzo / Baritone / Tenor / Soprano
Paisiello	Il Mio Ben Quando Verra	Tomplay	Bass / Alto / Mezzo / Baritone / Tenor / Soprano
Durtante	Danza Danza Fanciulla	Tomplay	Bass / Alto / Mezzo / Baritone / Tenor / Soprano
Fauré	Dans le ruins d'une Abbaye	Tomplay	tomplay.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](#).

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Composer/Artist	Title	Book/Cat. Ref	Publisher/ Buy Here
Bellini	Ma Rendi pur Contento	15 Composizioni per Camera	Ricordi
Boublil and Schönberg	I'd Give My Life for You (Miss Saigon)	The Boublil-Schonberg Collection – Show Hits	Wise Publications
Mozart	Se Vuol Ballare (Le nozze di Figaro)	Vocal Score	Schirmer
Mozart	Non so piu Cosa Son (Le nozze di Figaro)	Vocal Score	Schirmer
Mozart	Deh Vieni, non Tardar (Le nozze di Figaro)	Vocal Score	Schirmer
Purcell	Ah Belinda (Dido and Aeneas)	Vocal Score	Novello & Co
Mozart	Agnus Dei (Coronation Mass)	Vocal Score	Novello
Menotti	The Black Swan	Published Separately	Schirmer
Stephen Sondheim	Green Finch and Linnet Bird (Sweeney Todd)	All Sondheim, Vol 1	IMP
Stephen Sondheim	One More Kiss (Follies)	All Sondheim, Vol 1	IMP
Stephen Sondheim	Broadway Baby (Follies)	All Sondheim, Vol 1	IMP
Stephen Sondheim	The Ballad of Sweeney Todd (Sweeney Todd)	All Sondheim, Vol 1	IMP
Dring	Song of a Nightclub Proprietress	Five Betjeman Songs	Boosey & Hawkes
Quilter	Love's Philosophy	Published Separately	Boosey & Hawkes
Rodgers and Hammerstein	Some Enchanted Evening (South Pacific)	The Rodgers and Hammerstein Collection	Williamson/Music Sales
Schubert	Du bis die Ruh	The Language of Song: Advanced	Faber
Tchaikovsky	Nyet, tolko tot, kto znal (None but the Lonely Heart)	The Language of Song: Advanced	Faber
Barber	Sure on this Shining Night	Published Separately	Schirmer
Vivaldi	Poveri affetti miei (Orlando Furioso)	The Language of Song: Advanced (medium voice)	Faber
George & Ira Gershwin	Someone to Watch Over Me (Oh Kay!)	The Language of Song: Advanced (medium voice)	Faber
Vaughan Williams	The Vagabond	Songs of Travel	Boosey & Hawkes

Section Two: Technical (25 marks)

Prepare both parts below

Technical

Part 1

Perform the Vaccai lesson using one of the links below or any suitable edition:

Lesson XI- Introduction to Trills & Lesson Xii – Runs. Sing to any vowel with or without a consonant as selected by the teacher (e.g. Ah – Ee – Oo – Nah – Mee - Doo....) Observing the slurs.

[Tomplay XI](#) / [Tomplay Xii](#) / IMSLP:

[Page 4 for lesson XI in high voice](#) / [Page 6 for lesson XII in high voice](#)

[Page 8 for lesson XI in low voice](#) / [Page 10 for lesson XII in low voice](#)

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Part 2

Perform the singing skills from the sheet (Recordings available)

[Bass Clef Page 12](#) / [Treble Clef Page 14](#)

Section Three: Musicianship (15 marks)

Prepare both parts below

Musicianship

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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Vaccai

(High Voice)

[Click here to find the MTB
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recordings for high voice](#)

Lesson XI - Introduction to Trills

Allegro moderato

Vaccai

Voice

Piano

p

Voice

4

Pno.

Voice

7

Pno.

Singing Grade Eight

10

Voice

Pno.

e

Detailed description: This system contains measures 10, 11, and 12. The voice part (treble clef) features a melodic line with eighth-note patterns and slurs. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A fermata is placed over the final note of the piano part in measure 12, labeled with the letter 'e'.

13

Voice

Pno.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 13, 14, and 15. The voice part continues with a melodic line. The piano accompaniment maintains a consistent harmonic and rhythmic pattern.

16

Voice

Pno.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 16, 17, and 18. The voice part has a melodic line with some rests. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line.

19

Voice

rall.

Pno.

rall.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 19, 20, and 21. The voice part features a melodic line with a slur and a fermata over the final note, with the instruction 'rall.' above it. The piano accompaniment also has a slur and a fermata over the final chord, with the instruction 'rall.' above it. The system concludes with a double bar line.

Vaccai

(High Voice)

[Click here to find the MTB
Vaccai accompaniment
recordings for high voice](#)

Lesson XII - Runs and Scale Passages

Allegretto moderato

Voice

Piano

p

4

Voice

Pno.

7

Voice

Pno.

Singing Grade Eight

10

Voice

Pno.

This system contains measures 10, 11, and 12. The voice part (treble clef) features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including slurs and a fermata at the end of measure 11. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) consists of a steady eighth-note chordal pattern in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand.

13

Voice

Pno.

This system contains measures 13, 14, and 15. The voice part (treble clef) has a rest in measure 13, followed by a melodic phrase in measures 14 and 15. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues with the same eighth-note chordal pattern in the right hand and bass line in the left hand.

16

Voice

Pno.

This system contains measures 16, 17, 18, and 19. The voice part (treble clef) begins with a melodic phrase in measure 16, followed by a more complex passage in measures 17 and 18, and ends with a whole note in measure 19. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues with the eighth-note chordal pattern in the right hand and bass line in the left hand.

Vaccai

(Low Voice)

[Click here to find the MTB Vaccai accompaniment recordings for low voice](#)

Lesson XI - Introduction to Trills

Allegro moderato

Voice

Piano

p

Voice

4

Pno.

Voice

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Singing Grade Eight

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Vaccai

(Low Voice)

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Pno.

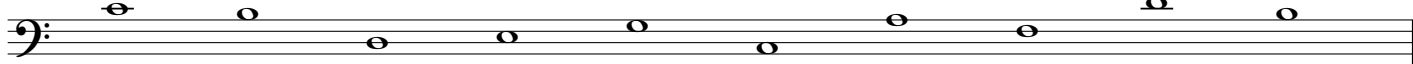
Singing Skills

(Bass Clef)

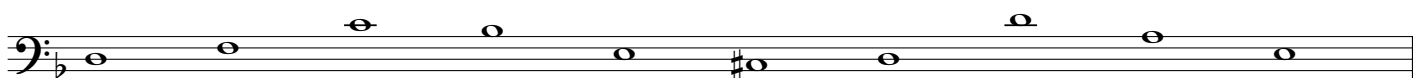
Section A

I will give you the starting note for each of the following 4 exercises.
Sing back the 10 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 3 exercises to any suitable vowel.
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 (unaccompanied - sound starting note)



Exercise 2

Exercise 2 musical notation (Bass clef, 3/4 time). The first staff contains eight measures of eighth-note patterns. The second staff contains six measures of eighth-note patterns, ending with a whole note and a quarter rest.

Accompaniment for Ex. 2

Accompaniment for Ex. 2 musical notation (Bass clef, 3/4 time). It features a series of chords: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, and a final whole note with a quarter rest.

Exercise 3

Exercise 3 musical notation (Bass clef, 4/4 time). Each staff contains three measures of eighth-note patterns with various accidentals, all grouped under a slur. The final staff ends with a whole note and a quarter rest.

Accompaniment for Ex. 3

Accompaniment for Ex. 3 musical notation (Bass clef, 4/4 time). It features a series of chords: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, and a final whole note with a quarter rest.

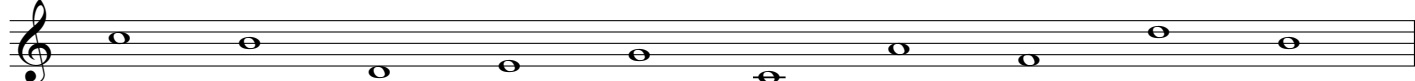
Singing Skills

(Treble Clef)

Section A

I will give you the starting note for each of the following 4 exercises.
Sing back the 10 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 3 exercises to any suitable vowel.
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 (unaccompanied - sound starting note)



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Exercise 2

Musical notation for Exercise 2, consisting of two staves of treble clef music in 3/4 time. The first staff contains the first four measures, and the second staff contains the next four measures, ending with a double bar line.

Accompaniment for Ex. 2

Musical notation for the accompaniment of Exercise 2, consisting of one staff of treble clef music in 3/4 time. It features a series of chords in the right hand and rests in the left hand.

Exercise 3

Musical notation for Exercise 3, consisting of three staves of treble clef music in 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with various intervals and accidentals, including slurs and ties.

Accompaniment for Ex. 3

Musical notation for the accompaniment of Exercise 3, consisting of one staff of bass clef music in 4/4 time. It features a series of chords in the left hand.

Reading Skills

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

candidate

metronome

$\text{♩} = 244$

2

$\text{♩} = 80$

3

$\text{♩} = 104$

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$\text{♩} = 200$

4

$\text{♩} = 90$

5

$\text{♩} = 62$

6

Listening Skills

[Click here to find the MTB Listening skills recordings in Treble Clef](#)

[Click here to find the MTB Listening skills recordings in Bass Clef](#)

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 notes from a chord.

I will play a 4 note chord and you will sing back **all** of the notes, starting with the highest. We shall do this for 4 chords.

Treble Clef

1.
2.
3.
4.



Bass Clef

1.
2.
3.
4.

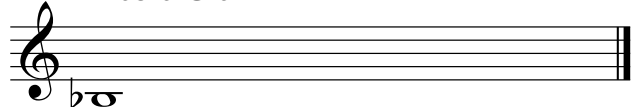


Test 2 - Scales

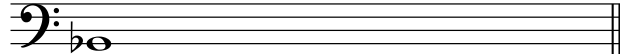
I shall ask you to sing a whole tone scale up and down after giving you the starting note.

Then, I shall ask you to sing a melodic minor scale up and down after giving you the same starting note again.

Treble Clef



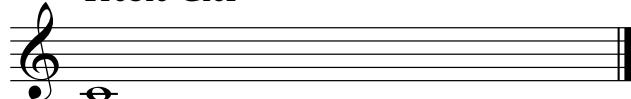
Bass Clef



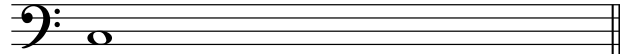
Test 3 - Triads

I shall give you the starting note, and then you shall sing the major, minor, diminished and augmented triads in root position all starting on that same note. The starting note will be given before you sing each of the 4 triads.

Treble Clef



Bass Clef



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.