

Recital

Select three pieces from the following list (25 marks each)

Pieces with stars (if selected), must be performed with the chord accompaniment. The accompaniment may be played live by the teacher or any other suitable person. Alternatively, a pre-recorded version of the accompaniment may be used.

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
Higgs	** Strolling Along **	MTB Ukulele Pre-Grade Handbook	MTB Bookshop
Higgs	** Evening Melody **	MTB Ukulele Pre-Grade Handbook	MTB Bookshop
Higgs	** Pixie Dance **	MTB Ukulele Pre-Grade Handbook	MTB Bookshop
Higgs	Fingers and Thumbs	MTB Ukulele Pre-Grade Handbook	MTB Bookshop
Higgs	The Dainty Little Dinosaur	MTB Ukulele Pre-Grade Handbook	MTB Bookshop
Boyde	Sailors' Song	Rainbow Ukulele Book 1	Ringin' Strings Publications
Boyde	** Japanese Bells **	Rainbow Ukulele Book 1	Ringin' Strings Publications

Technical Section (25 marks)

Prepare all the technical exercises required for this grade which can be found on the next page

Technical Section

Technical study

Lento

Lindsay Higgs

Musical notation for a technical study exercise. The first staff is in 4/4 time, marked *mf*. It contains four measures of rhythmic patterns: a quarter note followed by eighth notes, a quarter note followed by eighth notes, a quarter note followed by eighth notes, and a quarter note followed by eighth notes. Above the first measure is the chord 'F' and above the second measure is 'C7'. The second staff starts with a measure number '5' and contains four measures of rhythmic patterns: a quarter note followed by eighth notes, a quarter note followed by eighth notes, a quarter note followed by eighth notes, and a quarter note followed by eighth notes. Above the second measure of the second staff is the chord 'F'.

Scale Study

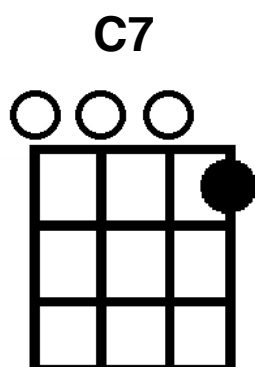
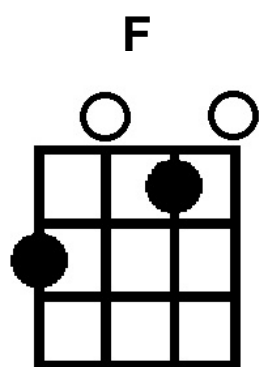
Musical notation for a scale study exercise. The first staff is in 4/4 time, marked *mp*. It contains four measures of a scale: a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a half note, a half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a whole note. The second staff is a tablature (TAB) with fingerings: 0 2 0 1 3 3 3 1 0 2 0.

Any methodical fingering may be used to pluck the strings.

Technical Section

CHORD KNOWLEDGE

Each individual note of the chord should be sounded, followed by the complete chord.



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.