

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
Wilkinson/ Hart	No. 15 Scots Air	First Repertoire for Viola, Book 1	Faber
Wilkinson/ Hart	No. 19 Landler	First Repertoire for Viola, Book 1	Faber
Wilkinson/ Hart	Grandfather's Polka 18	First Repertoire for Viola, Book 1	Faber
Wilkinson/ Hart	No.3 Almand	First Repertoire for Viola, Book 2	Faber
Brahms/ Wilkinson/ Hart	No.8 Waltz Op.39 no.6	First Repertoire for Viola, Book 2	Faber
Wilkinson/ Hart	No.13 Galop Infernal	First Repertoire for Viola, Book 2	Faber
Weber/ Wilkinson/ Hart	No.18 Waltz	First Repertoire for Viola, Book 2	Faber
Wilkinson/ Hart	No.2 Habanera	First Repertoire for Viola, Book 2	Faber
Mozart/ Dodd	No. 6 Larghetto	Schott Viola Album	Schott

MTB Grade 2 Viola

Composer/Artist	Title	Book/Cat. Ref	Publisher/ Buy Here
Purcell/ Dodd	No. 1 Rondeau	Schott Viola Album	Schott
Bach/ Dodd	No. 3 Gavotte	Schott Viola Album	Schott
Elgar/ Pope	Op.22 no.5 Allegretto	6 Very Easy Pieces	Bosworth
Elgar/ Pope	Op.22 no.4 Andantino	6 Very Easy Pieces	Bosworth
K and D Blackwell	Aerobics! 32	Viola Time Runners	OUP
K and D Blackwell	No.22 I Got Those Viola Blues	Viola Time Runners	OUP
K and D Blackwell	No.24 Prelude from Te Deum	Viola Time Runners	OUP
Lanning	Jupiter (Holst: The Planets)	The Classic Experience- Viola and Piano	Cramer
Offenbach/ Lanning	Barcarolle	The Classic Experience- Viola and Piano	Cramer
Waterfield/ Beach	Simple Gifts	O Shenandoah! for Viola	Faber
Waterfield/ Beach	Hi! Says the Blackbird	O Shenandoah! for Viola	Faber
Waterfield/ Beach	The Railroad Corral	O Shenandoah! for Viola	Faber

Section Two: Technical (25 marks)

Prepare either option 1 or 2 below

Technical Option 1

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

Technical Exercises:

Perform all the technical exercises required for this grade

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Alternative to Scales from Memory:

Perform the alternative to scales from memory required for this grade from the sheet

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Section Three: Musicianship (15 marks)

Prepare either option 1 or 2 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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MTB Technical Exercises



Viola

Grade 2

Exercise 1 ♩=70

First staff of Exercise 1: A single line of music in C-clef and 3/4 time. It contains four measures of eighth-note runs. The first measure has a slur over notes with fingerings 1 and 2. The second measure has a slur over notes with fingering 2. The third measure has a slur over notes with fingerings 3 and 4. The fourth measure has a slur over notes with fingering 1. Below the staff, there are three horizontal lines with brackets: the first spans the first two measures with '1' below it; the second spans the second and third measures with '2' below it; the third spans the third and fourth measures with '2' below it.

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Second staff of Exercise 1: A single line of music in C-clef and 3/4 time. It contains five measures of eighth-note runs. The first measure has a slur over notes with fingering 1. The second measure has a slur over notes with fingering 2. The third, fourth, and fifth measures each have a slur over notes with no fingering indicated. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Exercise 2 ♩=70

Exercise 2: A single line of music in C-clef and 3/4 time. It contains eight measures of eighth-note runs. The first measure has a slur over notes with fingering 1. The second measure has a slur over notes with fingering 2. The third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth measures each have a slur over notes with no fingering indicated. The staff ends with a double bar line.

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Exercise 3 ♩=70

Exercise 3: A single line of music in C-clef and 3/4 time. It contains ten measures of eighth-note runs. The first measure has a slur over notes with fingering 2. The second measure has a slur over notes with fingering 0. The third measure has a slur over notes with fingering 2. The fourth measure has a slur over notes with fingering 2. The fifth measure has a slur over notes with fingering 2. The sixth measure has a slur over notes with fingering 0. The seventh measure has a slur over notes with fingering 4. The eighth measure has a slur over notes with no fingering indicated. The ninth measure has a slur over notes with fingering 0. The tenth measure has a slur over notes with no fingering indicated. The staff ends with a double bar line.

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Scales & Arpeggios from Memory

For the examination, the candidate should be asked to perform all the following scales and arpeggios from memory. They should perform each scale and arpeggio with separate bows or slurred as requested by the teacher. The teacher should aim for an even distribution of articulations.

See the [MTB Viola scale bowing patterns example on page 10](#)

Scales ♩=56 Arpeggios triplet ♩=80

Bb major scale - 1 octave



F major scale - 1 octave



Eb major scale - 2 octaves



C harmonic minor scale - 2 octaves (only 1 version harmonic or melodic required)



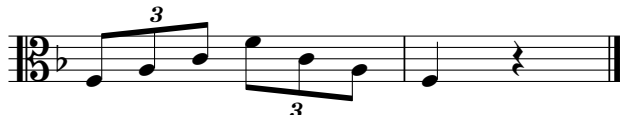
C melodic minor scale - 2 octaves



Bb major arpeggio - 1 octave



F major arpeggio - 1 octave



Eb major arpeggio - 2 octaves



C minor arpeggio - 2 octaves



Alternative to Scales from Memory

The following do not need to be played from memory. For the examination, perform *all* the following (only 1 version of minors - harmonic or melodic are required)

Scales ♩=56 Arpeggios triplet ♩=80

Bb major scale

Bb major scale with rhythmic pattern

F major scale

F major scale with rhythmic pattern

Eb major scale

C harmonic minor scale (only 1 version harmonic or melodic required)

C melodic minor scale

Bb major arpeggio

F major arpeggio

Eb major arpeggio

C minor arpeggio

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).

♩ = 90
candidate
1

metronome

♩ = 76
2

♩ = 104
3

♩ = 126
4

♩ = 80
5

♩ = 110
6

MTB Exams - Listening Skills (Aural tests) Grade 2

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.

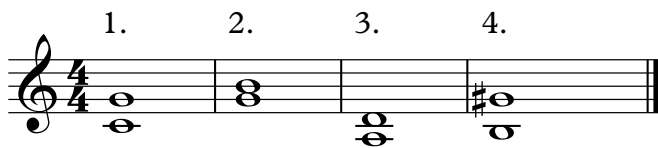
For each test, select *either* the treble *or* the bass clef exercises as appropriate to the range of the candidate's voice.

Test 1 - Singing back notes.

I shall play a 2 note chord, and then you shall sing back the upper note. We shall do this with 4 different chords.

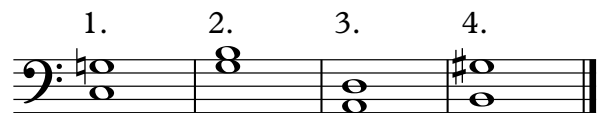
Treble Clef

1. 2. 3. 4.



Bass Clef

1. 2. 3. 4.



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.



MTB Exams Duet

Viola



Grade 2 - Jumping Beans

Playful

The musical score is written for two violas in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of two staves each. The first system starts with a dynamic of *mf* and includes markings for *cresc* and *f*. The second system ends with a dynamic of *p*. The third system includes markings for *cresc* and *f*. The tempo is marked 'Playful'.

MTB Exams

Strings Bowing Patterns

Grades 2 & 3

Long tonics. separate & slurred in pairs

Arpeggios separate, even and slurred in 3s



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.