

MTB Exams - Aural Tests

Grade 1

The candidate should practice all the exercises on this sheet as part of their preparation for the exam. During the exam, the teacher will ask the candidate to perform 3 of the exercises from each test as detailed below. Apart from when doing test 4, only the teacher should have this sheet in front of them.

Test 1 - **Singing back notes.** (Play a note from the following list on any instrument and ask the candidate to sing it back). Repeat this for 2 further notes from the list.

Treble clef

Bass clef

Test 2 - **Clapping back rhythms.** (Count the pulse, then play a rhythm from the following list on any instrument and ask the candidate to clap it back). Repeat this for 2 further rhythms from the list.

Rhythm 1

Rhythm 2

Rhythm 3

Rhythm 4

Rhythm 5

Rhythm 6

Test 3 - **Singing back melodic phrases.** (The teacher should select during the exam to do nos. 1,3 & 5 or 2, 4 & 6 below. For each, play the melody twice on any instrument and ask the candidate to sing it back. The phrase may be transposed if it does not fall within their vocal range)

Test 4 - **Sight singing.** Start this exercise by giving the candidate a copy of this sheet. (The teacher should select during the exam to do nos. 1,3 & 5 or 2, 4 & 6 below. Reading from the music, ask the candidate to sing each of the selected three note phrases. Play them the key chord and starting note before they begin each one. The phrase may be transposed if it does not fall within their vocal range)

Key chord & starting note