

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
Beethoven	Sonata in D Op.12 no.1: Rondo	MTB Violin Book Grade 7	MTB Bookshop
Händel	Sonata in A Major HWV 361 1 st Movt: Larghetto and 2 nd Movt: Allegro	MTB Violin Book Grade 7	MTB Bookshop
Massenet	Meditation from Thais	MTB Violin Book Grade 7	MTB Bookshop
Mazas	Etude Spéciales No.9	MTB Violin Book Grade 7	MTB Bookshop
Mozart	Rondeau from G Major Concerto 3 rd Movt	MTB Violin Book Grade 7	MTB Bookshop
Barbara Arens	Woogie Boogie	MTB Violin Book Grade 7	MTB Bookshop
Bartok	Romanian Folk Dances, Sz. 56 – No.4 Dance from Bucsum and No.5 Romanian Polka	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Dvořák	Sonatina in G major, Op.100 4 th Movt: Finale 'Allegro'	Tomplay or Simrock	tomplay.com or Simrock
Accolay	Concerto No.1 in A minor	Tomplay or Schirmer	tomplay.com or Schirmer
John Williams	Schindler's List – Theme	Tomplay or MCA/ Music Sales	tomplay.com or MCA/ Music Sales
Franck	Piano and Violin Sonata in A Major 1 st Movt: Allegretto Ben Moderato	Tomplay or I.M.C	tomplay.com or I.M.C
Franck	Piano and Violin Sonata in A Major 3 rd Movt: Ben moderato: Recitativo-Fantasia	Tomplay or I.M.C	tomplay.com or I.M.C
Mozart	Violin Sonata No.21 in E Minor, K.304 1 st Movt: Allegro	Tomplay or Henle or Barenreiter	tomplay.com or Henle or Barenreiter

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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Violin

Composer/Artist	Title	Book/Cat. Ref	Publisher/ buy Here
Vivaldi	Concerto in A minor Op.3 no.6: 1st Movt 'Allegro'	Tomplay or Peters	tomplay.com or Peters
Bechet	Petite Fleur	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Bartok	Romanian Folk dance, Sz. 56 No.1 Stick Dance	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Bridge	3 Dances H.4 – No.3 Moto Perpetuo	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Tartini	Sonata Didone Abbandonata in G minor Op.1 no.10 3 rd Movt: Largo	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Tchaikovsky	Souvenir d'un lieu Cher Op.42 3 rd Movt: Mélodie	Tomplay	tomplay.com
Kreisler	Schon Rosmarin	N/A	Schott
Kreisler	Polchinnelle Serenade	N/A	Schott
Smetana	Moderato: No.1 in Aus Der Heimat	N/A	Peters
J. S. Bach	Sonata in G BWV 1021 1 st Movt: Adagio and 2 nd Movt: Vivace	N/A	Barenreiter
Stravinsky	Suite Italienne: No.4, Gavotta con due Variazioni.	N/A	Boosey & Hawkes
Lutoslawski	Recitativo and Arioso	N/A	Chester
Wieniawski	Mazurka in G No.1 Obertass	N/A	Masters Music Publications, Inc
Polly Waterfield	Dragon Dance	Gypsy Jazz	Faber Music
Bartok	Romanian Folk Dances 4&5 (trans. Szekely)	N/A	MDS

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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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 to ask for an even distribution of articulations.

All tempi given are minimum speeds. For bowing patterns, look at page 6.

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B major scale - 3 octaves



D harmonic minor scale - 3 octaves

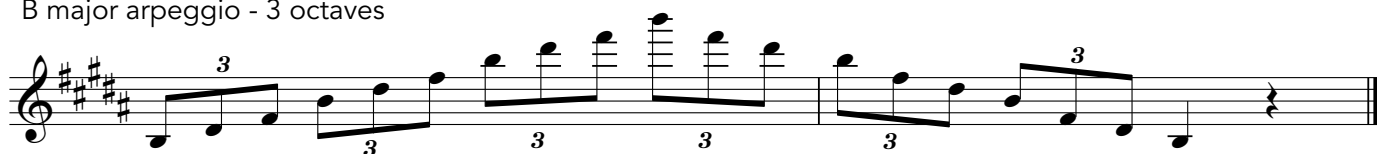


B melodic minor scale - 3 octaves



$\text{♩} = 112$

B major arpeggio - 3 octaves



D minor arpeggio - 3 octaves



B minor arpeggio - 3 octaves



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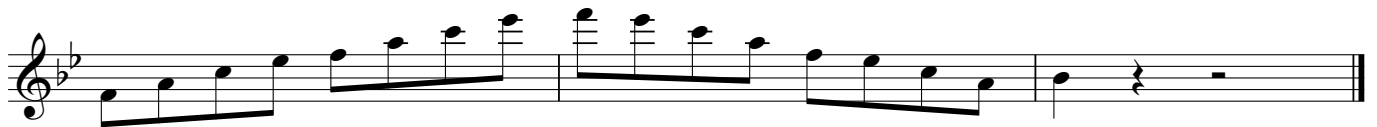
♩=92

Chromatic Scale on A - 3 octaves



♩=68

Dominant 7th in B♭ - 2 octaves

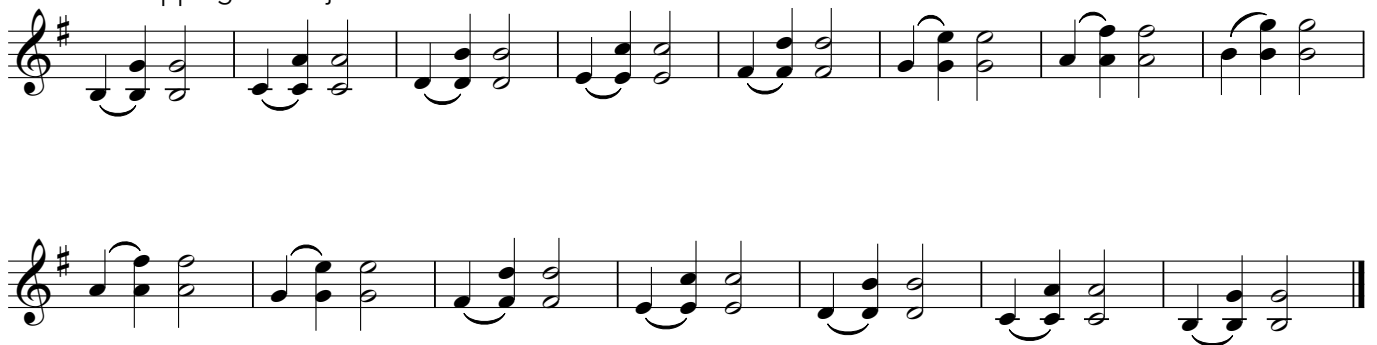


Diminished 7th on A - 2 octaves



♩=84

Double stopping - G major in 6ths



Double stopping - tetrachord B major in octaves

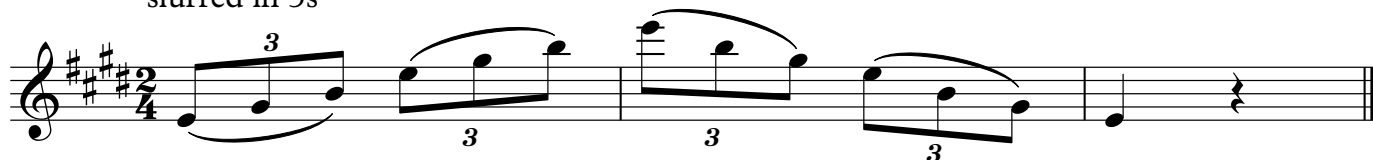


Scale Bowing Pattern Example

Long tonics. separate & slurred two bows per octave



Arpeggios separate, even and slurred in 3s



Chromatics

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Separate and slurred 4 notes to a bow

Dominant 7ths

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Separate, even and slurred 4 notes to a bow

Diminished 7ths

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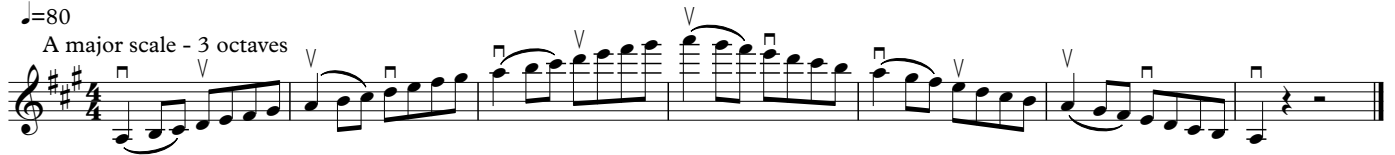
Separate and slurred 4 notes to a bow

Alternative to Scales from Memory

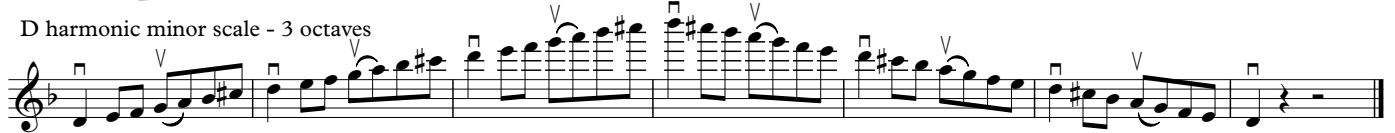
The following do not need to be played from memory
For the examination, perform all of the following

♩=80

A major scale - 3 octaves



D harmonic minor scale - 3 octaves



B melodic minor scale - 3 octaves



♩=68

Dominant 7th in Bb - 2 octaves



Diminished 7th on A - 3 octaves



♩=84

Double stopping - G major in 6ths



Double stopping - tetrachord D major in octaves



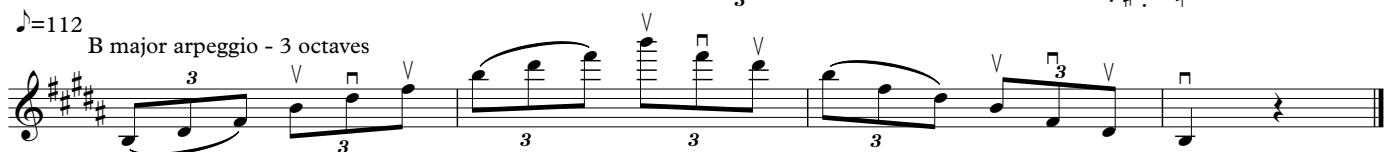
♩=60

A chromatic scale - 3 octaves



♩=112

B major arpeggio - 3 octaves



Duet

[Click here for
duet recordings in
practice speed](#)

[Click here for
duet recordings
in exam speed](#)

Vivace (arco)

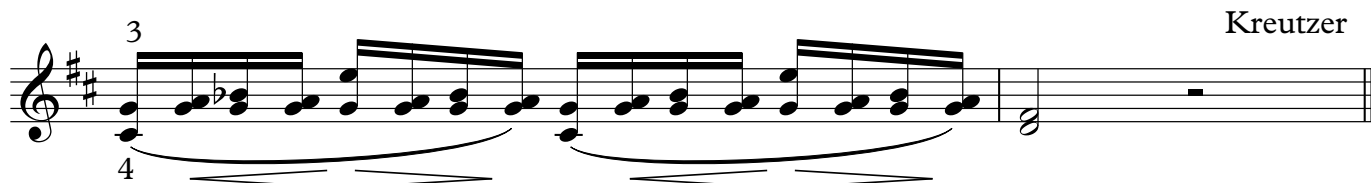
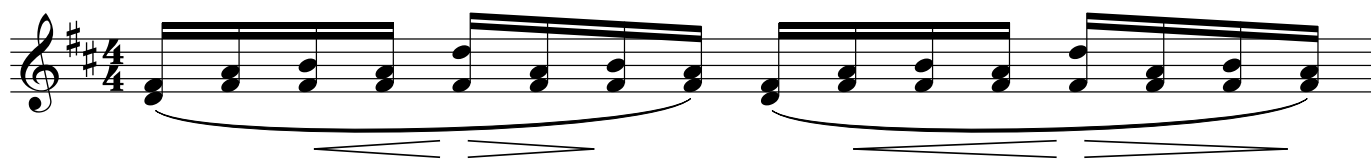
Reel Deal!

The musical score for 'Reel Deal!' is written for two violins in 6/8 time, key of D major. It begins with a 'Vivace (arco)' tempo and articulation marking. The first system starts with a forte (f) dynamic. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system features a crescendo (cresc) and a forte (f) dynamic. The fourth system includes a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic, a crescendo (cresc), and a forte (f) dynamic. The fifth system features a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic, a crescendo (cresc), and a fortissimo (ff) dynamic. The sixth system concludes the piece with a fortissimo (ff) dynamic. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, sixteenth notes, rests, and slurs.

Musicianship Duets on the MTB Syllabuses are not acceptable for use as Recital pieces for the same grade. Musicianship Duets are Listening Skills, not another piece and consequently are set at a more straightforward technical level.

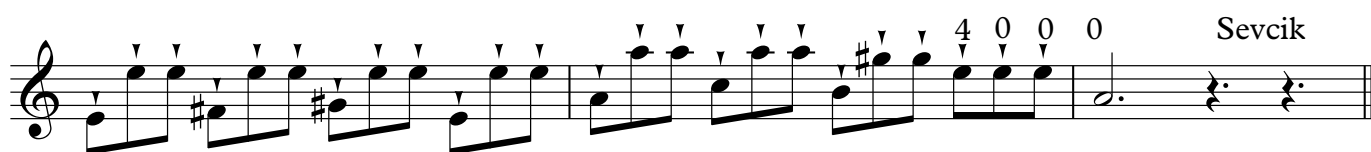
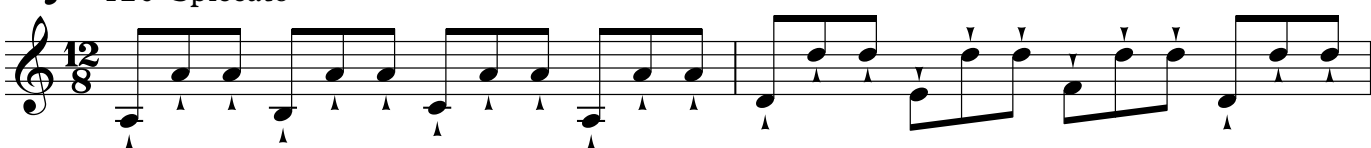
Technical Exercises

Exercise 1 ♩=60

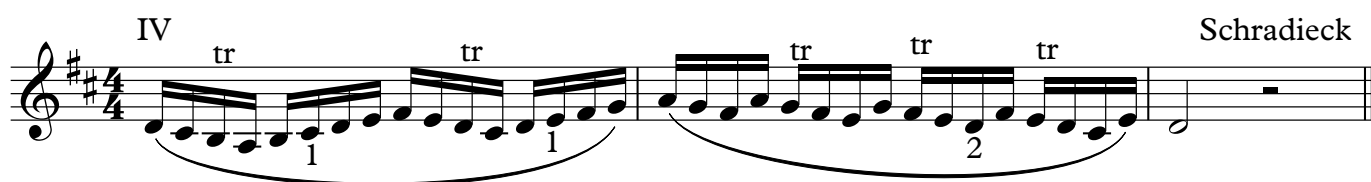


Exercise 2

♩. = 126 Spiccato



Exercise 3 ♩=90



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

$\text{♩} = 140$

candidate

metronome

2

$\text{♩} = 120$

3

$\text{♩} = 104$

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♩ = 90

4

3/4

3/4

♩ = 106

5

2/4

♩ = 86

6

4/4

4/4

Listening Skills

(Aural tests)

[Click here to find Listening Skills recordings in Treble Clef](#)

[Click here to find 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.

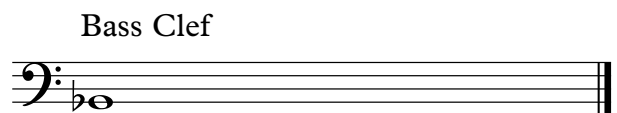
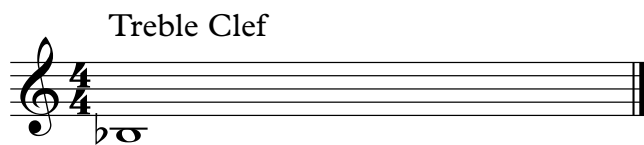
Only the teacher should have this sheet in front of them during the exam.

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

Test 1 - Scales.

I shall ask you to sing an ascending major scale, after I give you the starting note.

And then I shall ask you to sing an ascending harmonic minor scale, after I give you the same starting note again.



Test 2 - Singing back notes

I shall play a 3 note chord and then you will sing back the highest, middle, then lowest notes.

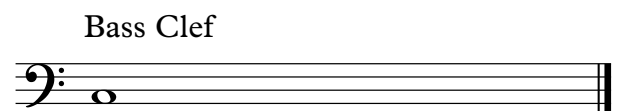
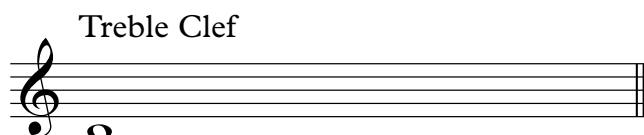
We shall do this for 4 chords.



Test 3 - Dominant & Diminished 7ths

I shall ask you to sing the first 4 notes of an ascending dominant 7th arpeggio in root position after giving you the starting note.

I shall then ask you to sing the first 4 notes of an ascending diminished 7th arpeggio after giving you the same starting note again.



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.
- Suitable use of vibrato is expected from Grade 5 onwards.

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.