MTB Grade 8 Contemporary Guitar



Section One: Recital (80 marks)

Select <u>four</u> pieces from the following list (20 marks each)

As an alternative to the pieces below, candidates may perform up to 4 free choice pieces. For guidance on selecting and approving free choice pieces please <u>click here</u>

Composer/Artist	Title	Book/Cat. Ref	Publisher/ Buy Here
Moore	Impromptu No.24	25 Graded Studies for Plectrum Guitar	Hampton - <u>Purchase</u> <u>here</u>
Paganini	Caprice No.5	Challenge the Masters p48	Hal Leonard - <u>Purchase</u> <u>here</u>
Paganini	Caprice No.16	Challenge the Masters p55	Hal Leonard - <u>Purchase</u> <u>here</u>
Stevie Ray Vaughan	Scuttle Buttin' (candidate to improvise solos after main theme)	cat. ref: 20683	sheetmusicdirect.com
Tal Farlow	Autumn Leaves (candidate to improvise solos after main theme)	cat. ref: 155519	sheetmusicdirect.com
Jerry Reed	Jerry's Breakdown (candidate the improvise solos after main theme)	cat. ref: 446257	sheetmusicdirect.com
John McLaughlin/ Al Di Meola/ Paco De Lucia	Guardian Angel (candidate the improvise solos after main theme)	cat. ref: 162208	sheetmusicdirect.com
Jimi Hendrix	Purple Haze (candidate the improvise solos after main theme)	cat. ref.: 53661	sheetmusicdirect.com
Steve Vai	Tender Surrender (candidate the improvise solos after main theme)	cat. ref: 76823	sheetmusicdirect.com
Tommy Emmanuel	Halfway Home	cat. ref: 160339	sheetmusicdirect.com

Technical Exercises (20 marks)

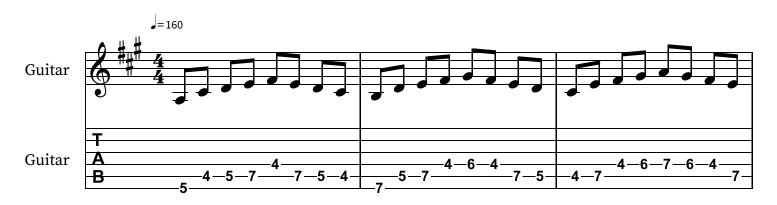
Prepare all the technical exercises required for this grade which can be downloaded from the website (syllabus page) - see the next page

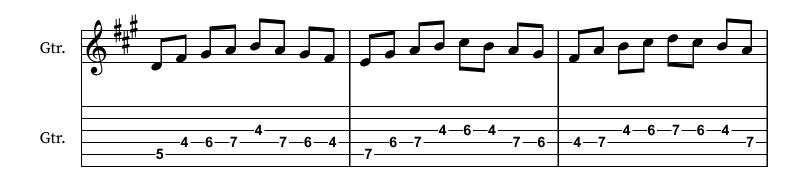
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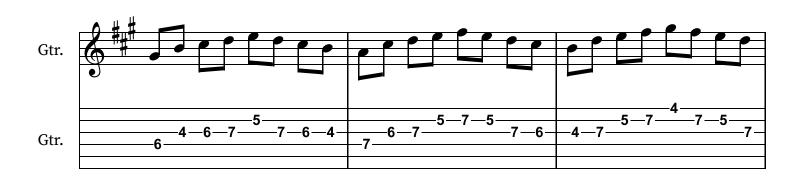
Technical Exercise 1

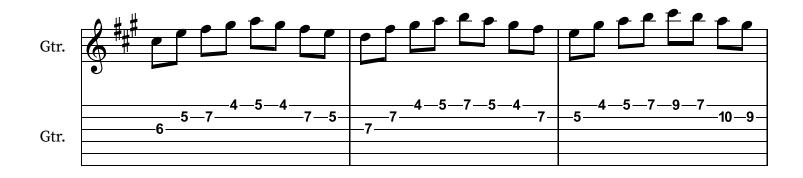
This may be played with or without a metronome click. This may be played fingerstyle or with a plectrum.

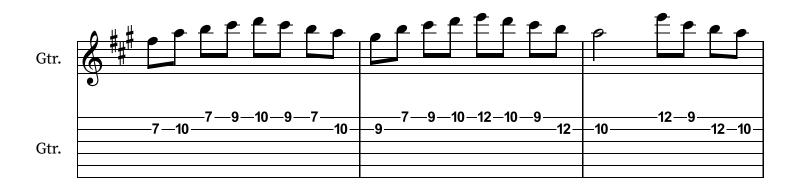
Any appropriate tone defining any style/genre may be chosen.

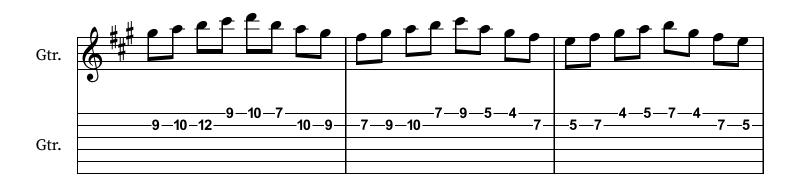


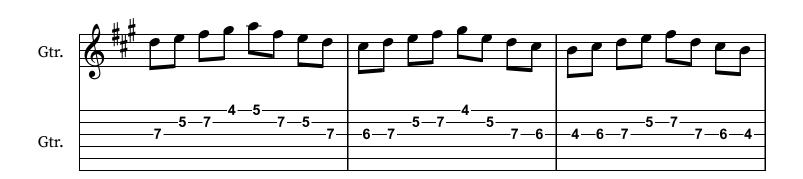


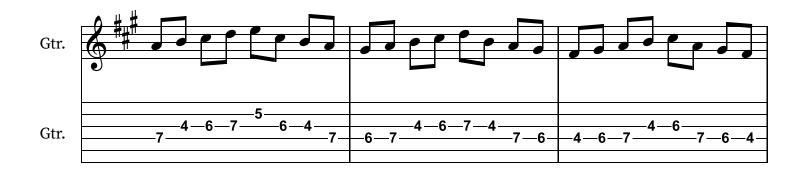


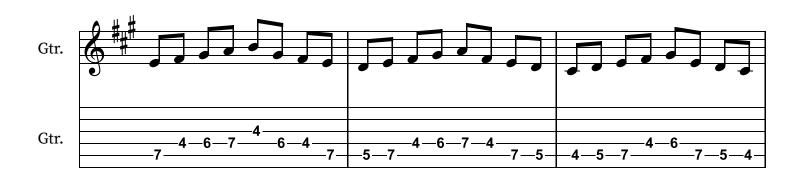


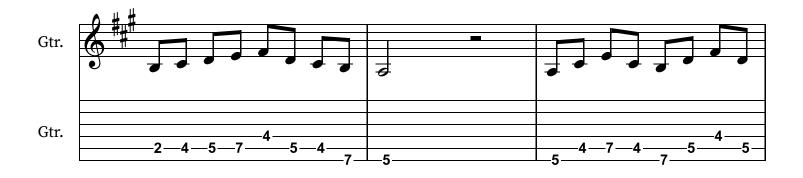


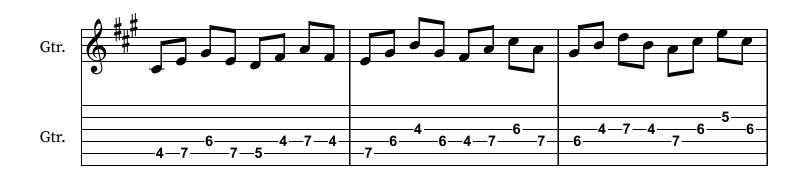


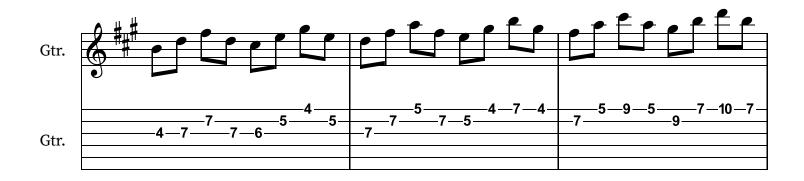


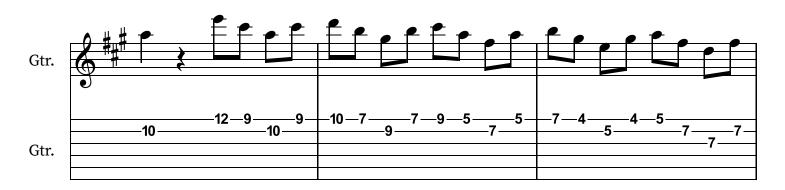




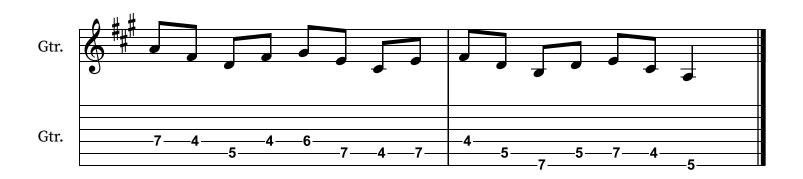








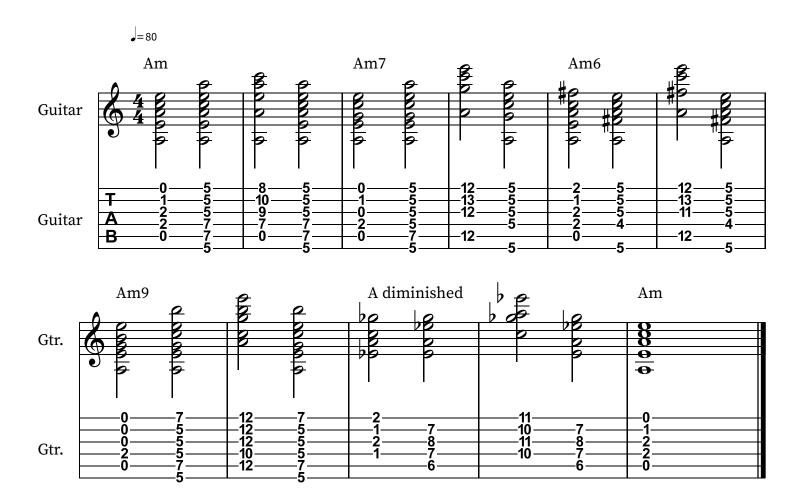




Technical Exercise 2

This may be played with or without a metronome/click. This may be played fingerstyle or with a plectrum.

After playing the notated bars the entire exercise is to be transposed into D minor and D diminished, 22 bars to be presented in total.



Technical Exercise 3

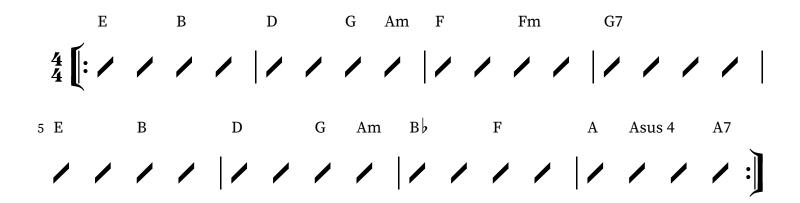
This may be played with or without a metronome/click. The repeat is to be played 16 bars in total. This chart may be presented transposed to any key.

This chart may be interpreted with any guitar tone to appropriately define any one of the six examples of playing style. Candidates are welcome to feature any tuning, capo use or string arrangement.

The tempo is for guidance and suggestion alongside each example of interpretation.

This may be played with any combination of chord/solo to capture the character of the examples given, the responsibility on the candidate being to showcase their creative interpretation.

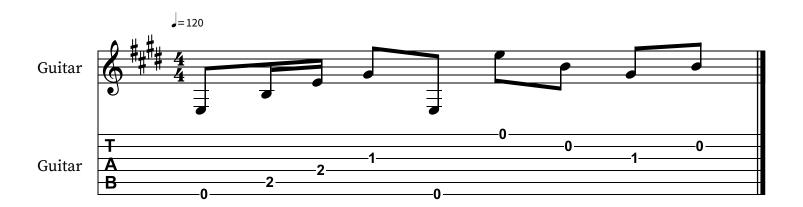
Before the start of this section of the exam, clearly state the chosen genre/style. For example: "Exercise 3, style 2, heavy rock....".



1. Folk/Pop Fingerpicking

This may be presented with any appropriate tone, acoustic or electric.

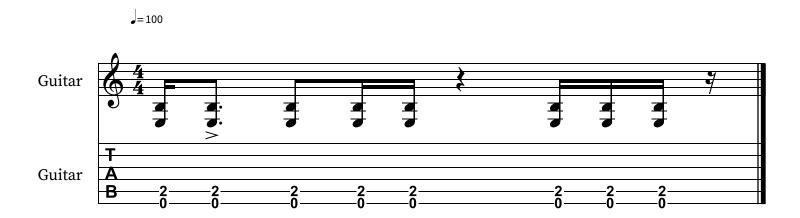
The notated pattern on E for the whole bar is an example only. Different chords require different string groups.



2. Heavy Metal

An appropriate tone is vital to capture this style/genre.

This notated rhythm on E for the whole bar is an example only for a basic "Rhythmic template." The piece should be approached as a solo with combinations of chords and single string work, an emphasis on an individual creative interpretation.

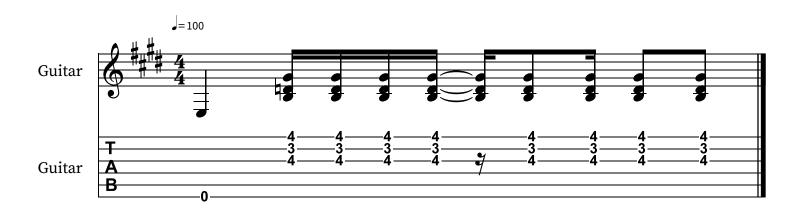


3. Funk/Hip-Hop

An appropriate tone is vital to capture this style/genre.

This notated rhythm on E7 for the whole bar is an example only for a basic "Rhythmic template."

The piece should be approached as a solo with combinations of chords and single string work, an emphasis on an individual creative interpretation.

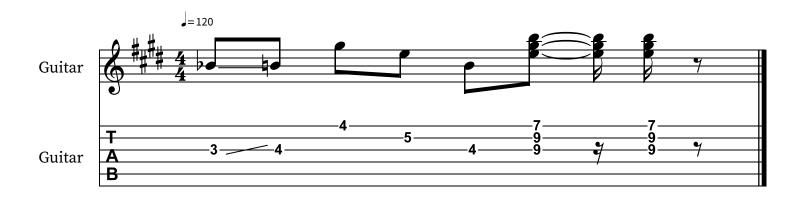


4. African Township

An appropriate tone is vital to capture this style/genre.

This may be played on an acoustic or an electric guitar.

This notated rhythm on E for the whole bar is an example only for a basic "Rhythmic template." The piece should be approached as a solo with combinations of triad chords and single string work with an emphasis on individual creative interpretation.

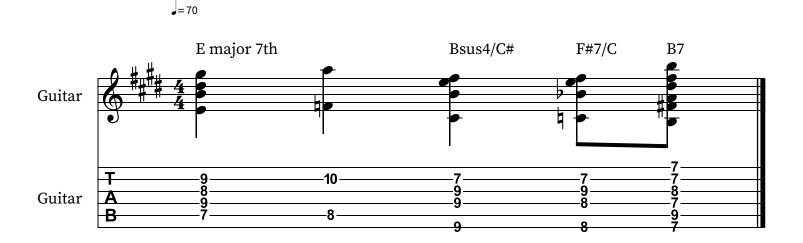


5. Jazz

This may be played on an acoustic or an electric guitar.

The notated example is a suggestion only for appropriate substitutions E to B. Candidates are free to interpret the changes for their own individual approach within the jazz idiom.

This is to be presented as a solo featuring chords and single lines, the candidate is free to present any rhythmic feature or tempo.



6. Ambient/New Age

This may be played on an acoustic or an electric guitar, any appropriate tone may be chosen. The notated example is a suggestion only.

This is to be presented as a solo featuring chords and single lines, the candidate is free to present any stylistic feature or tempo.

