

# MTB Pre-Grade Higher Contemporary Guitar

## Recital

Select **three** pieces from the following list (25 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
Ed Sheeran	Perfect (Beginner Level with Orchestra)	Tomplay	Currently unavailable
Ed Sheeran	Perfect (Beginner Level, Solo Guitar)	Tomplay	Currently unavailable
Simon and Garfunkel	Sound of Silence (Beginner Level with Orchestra)	Tomplay	<a href="https://tomplay.com">tomplay.com</a>
Trad.	The House of the Rising Sun (Candidate to play to bar 30)	Tomplay	<a href="https://tomplay.com">tomplay.com</a>
Peter Nuttall	The Magic Waterfall	A Taste of Jazz Rock Blues for Starters	Hal Leonard - <a href="#">Purchase here</a>
Nuttall/Whitworth	Carnival	The Guitarist's Way Book 1 p14	Holley Music - <a href="#">Purchase here</a>
Schmid and Koch	Shenandoah	Guitar Method Book 1 p29	Hal Leonard - <a href="#">Purchase here</a>
Schmid and Koch	Red River Valley	Guitar Method Book 1 p29	Hal Leonard - <a href="#">Purchase here</a>
Coldplay	Fix You (key C)	cat. ref. 80431	<a href="https://sheetmusicdirect.com">sheetmusicdirect.com</a>
Ed Sheeran	Perfect (key G)	cat. ref. 251134	<a href="https://sheetmusicdirect.com">sheetmusicdirect.com</a>
Deep Purple	Smoke on the Water	Easy Guitar Edition cat. ref. 29457	<a href="https://sheetmusicdirect.com">sheetmusicdirect.com</a>
E.Y. "Yip" Harburg	Over the Rainbow	Easy Guitar Edition cat. ref. 151064	<a href="https://sheetmusicdirect.com">sheetmusicdirect.com</a>
Van Morrison	Brown Eyed Girl (key G)	Easy Guitar Edition cat. ref. 73013	<a href="https://sheetmusicdirect.com">sheetmusicdirect.com</a>
Adele	Hello (key G)	Easy Guitar Edition cat. ref. 162228	<a href="https://sheetmusicdirect.com">sheetmusicdirect.com</a>
The Beatles	Norwegian Wood	Easy Guitar Edition cat. ref. 67636	<a href="https://sheetmusicdirect.com">sheetmusicdirect.com</a>
The Beatles	Yellow Submarine	Easy Guitar Edition cat. ref. 81974	<a href="https://sheetmusicdirect.com">sheetmusicdirect.com</a>

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](#).

## Technical Exercises (25 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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## Pre-Grade Higher Exercise 1

This exercise may be presented with or without an audible click/metronome.

♩ = 60

This may be played with plectrum or fingers.

C major

Guitar

Guitar

T 0 1 0 2 0 1 0 2 0 3 2 0 3

A 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 2 0 3 2 0 3

B 3 0 2 3 0 2 0 1 0 2 0 3 2 0 3

A minor

Gtr.

Gtr.

0 1 0 2 0 1 0 2 0 3 0 2 3 0

3 2 0 1 0 2 3 0 0 2 3 0

Gtr.

Gtr.

2 3 0 2 0 3 2 0 3 2 0 3 2 0

## Pre-Grade Higher Technical Exercise 2

This chord sequence is to be played with or without an audible click or metronome. The repeat is to be played, 8 bars in all.

This is to be "strummed" with either thumb, fingers or plectrum.

$\text{♩} = 60$

G major      D7      C major    D7      G major

Guitar

Guitar

T    3    3    3    3    3    3    2    2    2    0    0    0    2    2    2    3    3    3

A    0    0    0    0    0    0    1    1    1    1    1    1    1    1    1    0    0    0

B    0    0    0    0    0    0    2    2    2    0    0    0    2    2    2    0    0    0

## Pre-Grade Higher Technical Exercise 3

This is to be played with or without an audible click or metronome.

This may be played with either fingers or plectrum.

Where possible, the notes of the chords should be allowed to ring through creating a legato effect.

M.Pleass

$\text{♩} = 85$

Am7      D7

Guitar

Guitar

T    3    3    2    3    0    1    2    2    0    2    2    0    0

A    0    0    0    0    0    0    1    1    1    1    1    1    0

B    0    0    0    0    0    0    2    2    2    2    2    2    0

Am7      D7      let these notes keep ringing

Gtr.

Gtr.

T    3    3    2    3    0    0    2    2    0    2    3    0    0    0

A    0    0    0    0    0    0    1    1    1    1    0    0    0

B    0    0    0    0    0    0    2    2    2    2    0    0    0