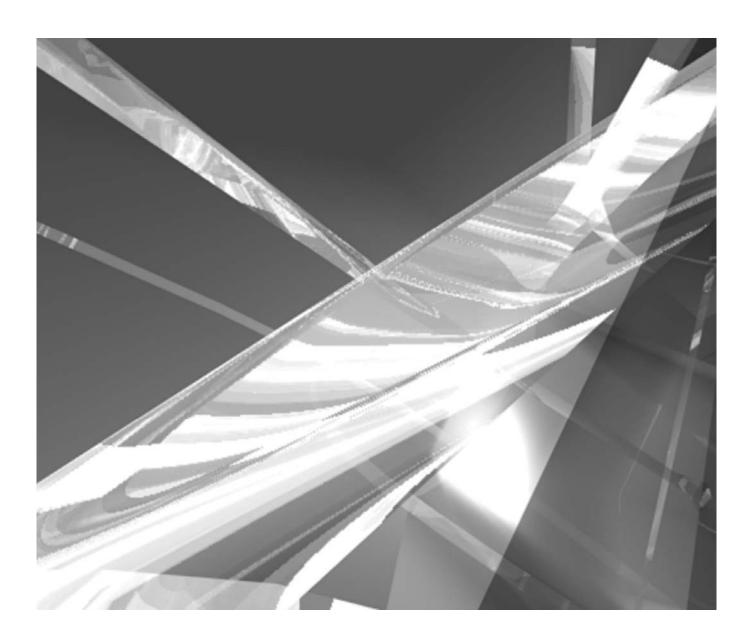


Oboe repertoire list

1 January 2011 - 31 December 2014



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This repertoire list should be read in conjunction with the **Syllabus for Graded and Leisure Play Graded Examinations in Music Performance**. Copies are available free of charge from LCM Examinations (tel: 020 8231 2364), from local representatives, or on uwl.ac.uk/lcmexams.

Leisure Play examinations are also available, for candidates who wish to play pieces only. Please see Section 5 of the syllabus for details.

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LCM Publications

The following LCM Publications are relevant to this syllabus:

- Specimen Aural Tests (LL189)
- LCM Aural Handbook (LL205)

LCM Publications are distributed by Music Exchange (tel: 0161 946 9301; email: mail@music-exchange.co.uk). A complete list of titles may be found on their website – www.music-exchange.co.uk

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Related Examinations

LCM Examinations offers examinations in a wide range of subjects, covering classical, jazz, pop/rock and traditional music genres. The following syllabuses may also be of interest:

- · Graded and leisure play examinations for bassoon, flute, recorder, clarinet and classical saxophone
- Performance diplomas (four levels) for oboe, bassoon, flute, recorder, clarinet and classical saxophone
- Teaching diplomas (three levels) for oboe, bassoon, flute, recorder, clarinet and classical saxophone

A flexible Ensemble syllabus is also available, catering for all types of ensemble from duets and trios up to concert bands and wind bands. Six levels are offered, ranging from Grades 1-2 to DipLCM standard.

Syllabuses are available free of charge from the LCM Exams office or from local representatives, or may be downloaded from the LCM Exams website.

OBOE: GRADE ONE

Component 1 - Technical Work

15 marks

<u>Scales and Arpeggios</u> (ascending and descending from memory) (suggested tempo: m.m. crotchet = 60 when played in quavers) to be played tongued and slurred:

C, G and F majors (one octave)

Component 2 - Performance

60 marks

Performance of three pieces, one from each list: A, B and C

LIST A

HARRIS No 4 (p 3) OR No 5 (p 3) from 80 Graded Studies for Oboe Book 1 (Faber)

HURRELL Syncoping, No 7 OR Smooth Move, No 8 from Oboe Studies Book 3

(Sunshine Music Co./Spartan Press)

WASTALL Ffigysbren (p 15) from Learn as You Play Oboe

TRAD. Ffigysbren (p 15) from Winners Galore for Oboe

(Boosey & Hawkes)

(Brass Wind)

LIST B

ANON. My Boy Willie (p 5) from Time Pieces for Oboe Vol. 1 (ABRSM)

ANON. Galliard, No. 5 from Let's Make the Grade Book 2 (Sunshine Music Co./Spartan Press)

BEETHOVEN Theme from Choral Symphony from Easy Time (Treble Clef) (Spartan Press)

DIABELLI Serenade (p 22), from Learn as You Play Oboe (ed. Wastall)

(piano accompaniments published separately) (Boosey & Hawkes)

PURCELL Rigadoon (p 10) from First Book of Oboe Solos (ed. Craxton & Richardson) (Faber)

TRAD. arr ALLEN / PULMAN

The Ash Grove from Easy Time (Treble Clef) (Spartan Press)

LIST C

GORB Weeping Willow (p 2) from Up Front Album for Oboe (Brass Wind)
GRAY Green Fields from Oboe Music to Enjoy Book 1 (Boosey & Hawkes)
HARPER Happy Piece from Progressive Practice (c/o LCM Exams)
Spring Song OR Elizabethan Lament from The Really Easy Oboe Book
RICHARDSON Melancholy Tale from First Book of Oboe Solos (Faber)

Component 3 - Viva Voce

7 marks

See pages 12-13.

Component 4 - Sight Reading

10 marks

Up to one minute's preparation time will be allowed to study the test before playing, during which the candidate may try parts of the test if they wish.

Component 5 - Aural Tests

8 marks

OBOE: GRADE TWO

Component 1 - Technical Work

15 marks

Scales and Arpeggios (ascending and descending from memory)

(suggested tempo: m.m. crotchet = 60 when played in quavers)

to be played tongued and slurred:

C, F and G majors (one octave)

D, A and E minors (one octave) [harmonic OR melodic at candidate's choice]

Component 2 - Performance

60 marks

Performance of three pieces, one from each list: A, B and C

LIST A

GOODWIN & BRIGHT

Skateboard Waltz (p 2) from Oboe Studies Book 1 (Sunshine Music Co./Spartan Press)

HARRIS No 15 (p 6) from 80 Graded Studies for Oboe Book 1 (Faber)

SALTER The Lame Sheep (p 1) OR A Rainy Day (p 3) from 35 Melodic Studies for Oboe (Emerson E413)

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Linden Lea (p 6) from Winners Galore for Oboe (Brass Wind)

WASTALL Cradle Song (p 29) from Learn As You Play Oboe (Boosey & Hawkes)

LIST B

CZERNY Air Allemand (p 7) from Time Pieces for Oboe Vol. 1 (ABRSM)

HOOK Minuetto *from* Learn as you Play Oboe page 22 (ed Wastall)

(piano accompaniments published separately) (Boosey & Hawkes)

HUMPERDINCK Prayer *from* Oboe Music to Enjoy

(Boosey & Hawkes)

PURCELL Minuet, No 16 from First Book of Oboe Solos (arr. Craxton & Richardson) (Faber)

TRAD. Highland Laddie, No 3 from Let's Make The Grade: Oboe Book 2 (Sunshine Music Co./Spartan Press)

TRAD., arr. ALLEN / PULMAN

In the Bleak Midwinter from Easy Time (Treble Clef) (Spartan Press)

LIST C

GREGSONSummer Evening Serenade from Up Front Album for Oboe(Brass Wind)HINCHLIFFEDance of the Scarecrows from The Really Easy Oboe Book(Faber)KELLYGypsy Song, No 2 from Trasimeno Suite(Phylloscopus)arr. PARKERYesterday from All Jazzed Up for Oboe(Brass Wind)WEDGWOODTangerine (p 1) OR Hot Chilli (p 4) from Really Easy Jazzin' About: Oboe(Faber)

Component 3 - Viva Voce

7 marks

See pages 12-13.

Component 4 - Sight Reading

10 marks

Up to one minute's preparation time will be allowed to study the test before playing, during which the candidate may try parts of the test if they wish.

Component 5 - Aural Tests

8 marks

OBOE: GRADE THREE

Component 1 - Technical Work

15 marks

Scales and Arpeggios (ascending and descending from memory)

(suggested tempo: m.m. crotchet = 60 when played in quavers)

to be played tongued and slurred:

G, A and Bb majors (one octave)

D and F majors (a twelfth)

C major (2 octaves)

A minor (one octave)

D and E minors (a twelfth) [harmonic OR melodic at candidate's choice]

Dominant 7ths in the keys of C and G (one octave)

Component 2 - Performance

60 marks

Performance of three pieces, one from each list: A, B and C

LIST A

HARRIS	No 13 (p 5) from 80 Graded Studies for Oboe Book 1	(Faber)
LYONS	No 9 from 24 Melodic Studies for Oboe	(Useful Music/Spartan Press)
ROSE	Calypso (p 4) from A Miscellany for Oboe Book 1	(ABRSM)
SALTER	Spring in the Air (p 5) from 35 Melodic Studies for Oboe	(Emerson E413)
TRAD.	Danny Boy (p 15) from Winners Galore for Oboe	(Brass Wind)
VAN BEEKUM	No 40 (p 9) from Piu Mosso	(Harmonia/Spartan Press)

LIST B

DE FESCH	Gavotta, No 6 from Going Solo: Oboe	(Faber)
HAND	Sea Shanty from Songs Without Words	(Forsyth)
O'CAROLAN	Young T. McDonough from Time Pieces for Oboe Vol. 1	(ABRSM)
PLEYEL	Andante and Rondo from Oboe Music to Enjoy	(Boosey & Hawkes)
PURCELL	Rondeau, No 4 from Second Book of Oboe Solos	(Faber)
RHEINBERGER	Intermezzo from Nine Short Pieces from Three Centuries	(OUP)

LIST C

ARLEN, arr. PARKER	Over The Rainbow from All Jazzed Up	(Brass Wind)
GERSHWIN , arr. REID	Summertime from Four Immortal Melodies	(Nova/Spartan Press)
GORB	Saturday Stroll from Up Front Album for Oboe	(Brass Wind)
HARPER	Will's Wicked Waltz from Progressive Practice	(c/o LCM Exams)
NORTON	A Restful Place from Microjazz for Oboe	(Boosey & Hawkes)
ROSE	Idyll from A Miscellany for Oboe Book 1	(ABRSM)

Component 3 - Viva Voce

7 marks

See pages 12-13.

Component 4 - Sight Reading

10 marks

Up to one minute's preparation time will be allowed to study the test before playing, during which the candidate may try parts of the test if they wish.

Component 5 - Aural Tests

8 marks

OBOE: GRADE FOUR

Component 1 - Technical Work

15 marks

<u>Scales and Arpeggios</u> (ascending and descending from memory)

(suggested tempo: m.m. crotchet = 60 when played in quavers)

to be played tongued and slurred:

A major (one octave); F and G majors (a twelfth); Bb, C and D majors (2 octaves) A minor (one octave); E, F# and G minors (a twelfth); B and D minors (2 octaves)

[harmonic OR melodic at candidate's choice]

Dominant 7ths in the keys of Bb and C (a twelfth); in the keys of F and G (two octaves) Chromatic scale starting on G (one octave)

Component 2 - Performance

60 marks

Performance of three pieces, one from each list: A, B and C

LIST A

BACH No 86 (p 55) from Difficult Passages (Boosev & Hawkes 9790 060010651) **HARRIS** No 22 (p 9) from 80 Graded Studies for Oboe Book 1 (Faber) **LYONS** No 14 from 24 Melodic Studies for Oboe (Useful Music/Spartan Press) **ROSE** Caribbean Cameo (p 3) from A Miscellany for Oboe Book 2 (ABRSM) **SALTER** A Scolding (p 15) from 35 Melodic Studies for Oboe (Emerson E413) **VAN BEEKUM** No 72 (p 17) from Piu Mosso (Harmonia/Spartan Press)

LIST B

BACH / GOUNODAve Maria (p 3) from Seven Great Tunes: Oboe(Nova/Spartan Press)CORELLIPreludio & Gavotta, No 10 from First Repertoire Pieces for Oboe(Boosey & Hawkes)HANDYodelling Song, No 5 from Songs Without Words(Forsyth)HAYDNAndante Cantabile from Going Solo: Oboe(Faber)

RAMEAU, arr. THACKRAY

Rigaudon (omitting DC) (p 5) from Nine Short Pieces from Three Centuries (OUP)

SCHUBERT Minuet & Trio (omitting DC) from Time Pieces for Oboe Vol. 2 (ABRSM)

LIST C

BUTTERWORTHEasy Going from Easy Going for Oboe(Brass Wind)KELLYCarol AND South American Dance from Trasimeno Suite(Phylloscopus)KERSHAWHighland Fling, No 4 from Have Oboe, Will Travel(Phylloscopus)LENNON & MCCARTNEY

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When I'm Sixty-Four (p 1) from Jazzed Up Too for Oboe (Brass Wind)

LEWINPussyfoot (p 5) from Up Front for Oboe(Brass Wind)NORTONAmerican Train from Microjazz for Oboe(Boosey & Hawkes)

Component 3 - Viva Voce

7 marks

See pages 12-13.

Component 4 - Sight Reading

10 marks

Up to one minute's preparation time will be allowed to study the test before playing, during which the candidate may try parts of the test if they wish.

Component 5 - Aural Tests

8 marks

OBOE: GRADE FIVE

Component 1 - Technical Work

15 marks

Scales and Arpeggios (from memory)

(suggested tempo: m.m. crotchet = 60 when played in quavers)

To be played tongued and slurred:

F, G, Ab and A majors (a twelfth); Bb, C, D, Eb and E majors (two octaves)

F#, G and A minors (a twelfth); B, D and E minors (two octaves) [harmonic OR melodic at candidate's choice]

Dominant 7ths in the keys of Bb, C and D (a twelfth); in the keys of Eb, F and G (two octaves)

Augmented arpeggio on C (two octaves)

Chromatic scales starting on C and D (two octaves)

Component 2 - Performance

60 marks

Performance of three pieces, one from each list: A, B and C

LIST A

BACH	No 50 (p 29) from Difficult Passages	(Boosey & Hawkes 9790 060010651)
HARRIS	No 43 (p 21) from 80 Graded Studies for Oboe Book 1	(Faber)
HITE	No 4 (p 2) from Melodious and Progressive Studies Book 1	(Southern Music Co.)
LYONS	No 11 from 24 Melodic Studies for Oboe	(Useful Music/Spartan Press)
SALTER	The Rooster (p 19) from 35 Melodic Studies for Oboe	(Emerson E413)
VAN BEEKUM	Syncopation (p 15) from Ornamental Oboes	(Harmonia/Spartan Press)

<u>LIST B</u>

BACH	Gerechter Gott, No 25 from Second Book of Oboe Solos	(Faber)
BONI	Alla Siciliana AND Allegro from Sonata in G	(Chester/Music Sales)
BOYCE	Gigue from Gavotte and Gigue	(Chester/Music Sales)
DANDRIEU, au	rr. ROTHWELL	
	Les Fifres from Three French Pieces	(Chester/Music Sales)

HANDEL Sonata No. 2 in Bb: First movt. (Allegro) from Three Authentic Sonatas (Nova/Spartan Press)
SAINT-SAËNS The Swan from Four Immortal Melodies (Nova/Spartan Press)

LIST C

CUI	Orientale (p 8) from Time Pieces for Oboe Vol. 2	(ABRSM)
LE FLEMING	No. 2 (p 2) from Four Impromptus	(Phylloscopus)
KERSHAW	Tango for Two, No 4 from Have Oboe, Will Travel	(Phylloscopus)
PARKER	Fashion Parade (p 1) from Jazzed Up Too for Oboe	Brass Wind)
PIERNÉ	Pièce in G minor	(Leduc/UMP)
ROSE	Romanza (p 8) from A Miscellany for Oboe Book 2	(ABRSM)

Component 3 - Viva Voce

7 marks

See pages 12-13.

Component 4 - Sight Reading

10 marks

Up to one minute's preparation time will be allowed to study the test before playing, during which the candidate may try parts of the test if they wish.

Component 5 - Aural Tests

8 marks

OBOE: GRADE SIX

Component 1 - Technical Work

15 marks

Scales and Arpeggios (ascending and descending from memory)

(suggested tempo: m.m. crotchet = 60 when played in quavers)

to be played tongued and slurred:

G, Ab and A majors (a twelfth), Bb, C, D, Eb, E and F majors (two octaves)

F#, G and A minors (a twelfth), B, C, C#, D, E and F minors (two octaves) [harmonic AND melodic] Dominant 7ths in the keys of Bb, C and D (a twelfth); in the keys of Eb, F, G, Ab and A (two octaves)

Diminished 7th on C (two octaves)

Augmented arpeggios on C and D (two octaves)

Chromatic scales starting on C, C#, D and Eb (two octaves)

Component 2 - Performance

60 marks

Performance of three pieces, one from each list: A, B and C

LIST A

BACH	No 57 (p 32) (including DC) from Difficult Passages	(Boosey & Hawkes 9790 060010651)
FERLING	No 23 (p 12) from 48 Studies	(Universa/MDS)
HARRIS	No 60 (p 12) from 80 Graded Studies for Oboe Book 2	(Faber)
HITE	No 11 (p 6) from Melodic and Progressive Studies Book 1	(Southern Music Co.)
LYONS	No 18 from 24 Melodic Studies for Oboe	(Useful Music/Spartan Press)
VAN BEEKUM	Scala Polka (p 14) from Ornamental Oboes	(Harmonia/Spartan Press)

LIST B

ALBINONI	Concerto in D minor, Op 9 No 2: Second movt. (Adagio)	(International)
ARNE	Pastorale	(Chester/Music Sales)
BESOZZI	Sonata in C: Fourth movt. (Allegretto)	(Chester/Music Sales)
HANDEL	Rondo from Air and Rondo	(Chester/Music Sales)
MARAIS	La Provençale from Three Old French Dances	(Chester/Music Sales)
MARCELLO	Allegretto from Largo and Allegretto	(Chester/Music Sales)

LIST C DRING

JOPLIN	Weeping Willow from Joplin CD Showcase	(Spartan Press)
KEECH	Scherzo Rondoso	(Cramer)
NIELSEN	Romance from Fantasy Pieces Op 2	(Edition Wilhelm Hansen/Music Sales)
PARKER	Hunting the Haggis from Jazzed Up Too for Oboe	(Brass Wind)

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

No 2 AND No 6 from Six Studies in English Folksong (cor anglais)

WOOLFENDEN Romance from Reflections for Oboe

(Stainer & Bell)

(Brass Wind)

Component 3 - Viva Voce

Polka

7 marks

(Arcadia/Emerson AM284)

See pages 12-13.

Component 4 - Sight Reading

10 marks

Up to one minute's preparation time will be allowed to study the test before playing, during which the candidate may try parts of the test if they wish.

Component 5 - Aural Tests

8 marks

OBOE: GRADE SEVEN

Component 1 - Technical Work

15 marks

Scales and Arpeggios (ascending and descending from memory)

(suggested tempo: m.m. crotchet = 60 when played in quavers)

to be played tongued and slurred:

G, Ab and A majors (a twelfth); Bb, B, C, Db, D, Eb, E, F and F# majors (two octaves)

G and A minors (a twelfth); B, C, C#, D, E, F and F# minors (two octaves)

[harmonic AND melodic minor scales]

Dominant 7ths in the keys of C, Db and D (a twelfth); in the keys of Eb, E, F, G, Ab, A and Bb (two octaves)

Diminished 7ths on Bb and C (two octaves)

Augmented arpeggios on C, C# and D (two octaves)

Chromatic scales starting on B, C, C#, D, Eb and E (two octaves)

Whole tone scales starting on C and C# (two octaves)

Component 2 - Performance

60 marks

Performance of three pieces, one from each list: A, B and C

LIST A

BACH No 62 (p 36) from Difficult Passages (Boosey & Hawkes 9790 060010651) **FERLING** No 6 (p 3) from 48 Studies (Universal/MDS) **HARRIS** No 74 (p 25) from 80 Graded Studies for Oboe Book 2 (Faber) No 8 (p 19) from Melodic and Progressive Studies Book 1 (Southern Music Co.) Chromatic Study (p 28) from Ornamental Oboes (Harmonia/Spartan Press) **VAN BEEKUM** WOOLFENDEN Can I Get There? (p 7) from Reflections for Oboe (Brass Wind)

LIST B

ALBINONIConcerto, Op 9 No 2: First movt. (Allegro e non presto)(International)BACHSonata in G minor: Third movt. (Allegro)(Nagels/Barenreiter)BONISonata in G: First AND second movts. (Largo & Allegro)(Chester/Music Sales)CHEDEVILLEAffetuosa AND Giga from Sonata in E minor(Schott)

HANDEL Sonata in C minor: First AND second movts. (Largo & Allegro) from Three Authentic Sonatas

(Nova/Spartan Press)

TELEMANN Concerto in F minor: Third movt. (Vivace) (Peters Edition)

LIST C

DRINGFinale, No 3 from Three Piece Suite(Emerson E434)LE FLEMINGCon moto, No 1 from Four Impromptus(Phylloscopus)KOECHLINAu Loin (cor anglais)(Eschig/UMP)NIELSENHumoresque from Fantasy Pieces, Op 2(Hansen/Music Sales)RICHARDSONRoundelay(Emerson E44)

ROUGNON, arr. BROWN

Air de Ballet from A Nineteenth Century Collection Vol. 3 (Nova/Spartan Press)

WOOLFENDEN Reverie from Reflections for Oboe (Brass Wind)

Component 3 - Viva Voce

7 marks

See pages 12-13.

Component 4 - Sight Reading

10 marks

Up to one minute's preparation time will be allowed to study the test before playing, during which the candidate may try parts of the test if they wish.

Component 5 - Aural Tests

8 marks

OBOE: GRADE EIGHT

Theory of Music Grade Five must have been passed (see Regulation 9).

Component 1 - Technical Work

15 marks

Scales and Arpeggios (ascending and descending from memory)

(suggested tempo: m.m. crotchet = 60 when played in quavers)

to be played tongued and slurred:

Ab and A majors (a twelfth); Bb, B, C, Db, D, Eb, E, F and F# majors (two octaves)

G# and A minors (a twelfth); Bb, B, C, C#, D, Eb, E, F and F# minors (two octaves) [harmonic AND melodic]

Dominant 7ths in the keys of C, Db and D (a twelfth); in the keys of Eb, E, F, F#, G, Ab, A, Bb and B (two octaves)

Diminshed 7ths on Bb, B and C (two octaves)

Augmented arpeggios on C, C#, D and Eb (two octaves)

Chromatic scales starting on Bb, B, C, C#, D, Eb, E and F (two octaves)

Whole tone scales starting on C and C# (two octaves)

Octatonic scales (both versions) starting on C (two octaves)

[version 1: C-D-Eb-F-F#-G#-A-B-C; version 2: C-C#-D#-E-F#-G-A-Bb-C]

Component 2 - Performance

60 marks

Performance of three pieces, one from each list: A, B and C

LIST A

BACHNo 74 (p 44) from Difficult Passages(Boosey & Hawkes 9790 060010651)BOURGEOISNo 3 from Fantasy Pieces for Oboe(Brass Wind)BRITTENArethusa, No 6 from Six Metamorphoses After Ovid(Boosey & Hawkes)FERLINGNo 29 OR No 30 (p 15) from 48 Studies for Oboe(Universal/MDS)WOOLFENDENHarlequin AND Columbine from Reflections for Oboe(Brass Wind)

LIST B

ALBINONI Concerto, Op 7 No 6: Second AND third movts. (Adagio & Allegro) (Boosey & Hawkes)

BACH Sonata in G minor: First movt. (Allegro) (Nagels/Barenreiter)

HANDEL Sonata in F: First AND second movts. (Adagio & Allegro) from Three Authentic Sonatas

(Nova/Spartan Press)

MARCELLOConcerto in C minor: Adagio & Allegro(IMC)TELEMANNSonata in E minor: First AND second movts. (Largo & Allegro)(Schott)VIVALDISonata in C minor: First AND fourth movts. (Adagio & Allegro)(Schott)

LIST C

DRING Showpiece, No 1 from Three Piece Suite (Emerson E434) **DUCK** Lento AND Con moto from Sonatina (Phylloscopus) **GROVLEZ** Sarabande and Allegro (Leduc/UMP) Sonata: First movt. (Munter) HINDEMITH (Schott) **LE FLEMING** No 3 AND No 4 from Four Impromptus (Phylloscopus) **POULENC** Elegie & Deploration from Sonata (Chester/Music Sales) **RUBBRA** Duo (cor anglais) (Lengnick/Complete Music)

Component 3 - Viva Voce

7 marks

See pages 12-13.

Component 4 - Sight Reading

10 marks

Up to one minute's preparation time will be allowed to study the test before playing, during which the candidate may try parts of the test if they wish.

Component 5 - Aural Tests

8 marks

Viva Voce

Notes:

- 1. All questions and answers are verbal. Candidates are not expected to demonstrate on their instrument or to sing; but they may choose to do so if they feel that this would clarify their answer.
- 2. There is no set form of words, or number of questions. Examiners are encouraged to conduct the tests in a flexible and conversational manner. The number of questions asked, and the content of the questions, may differ from candidate to candidate. However, the prime focus for the Viva Voce will always be the music performed in the Performance section of the exam.
- 3. The knowledge required for the Viva Voce is cumulative for Grades 1-8; i.e. any knowledge required in earlier grades is required for later grades.
- 4. Although accuracy and appropriateness of response are the principal criteria of assessment, examiners will also look for articulacy, use of correct terminology, and a sense of engagement with, and understanding of, the music performed.

Requirements:

GRADES 1 AND 2

Candidates should be able to:

- name, and explain the meaning of, all basic notational elements in the music performed in the Performance component of the exam, including: staff, bars and bar-lines, clefs, pitches of individual notes, rhythmic values of notes and rests (including dotted notes), key and time signatures, accidentals, dynamics, articulation markings, phrases, ornaments, and any additional markings;
- explain which is their favourite piece and why;
- assign simple descriptive words to pieces to describe their mood ('happy', 'sad', 'bouncy', 'jazzy', 'gentle', etc.)

GRADE 3

In addition to the requirements for Grades 1 and 2, candidates may be asked to:

- identify intervals up to and including a fifth by numerical value only (e.g. 'second', 'fourth', etc.);
- describe the mood or character of pieces using appropriate descriptive terminology ('fast and lively', 'gentle
 and flowing', 'like a dance', etc.);
- · identify contrasts of mood within pieces;
- · discuss any pictorial or descriptive element of the music.

GRADE 4

In addition to the requirements for Grades 1-3, candidates may be asked to:

- identify intervals up to and including an octave by numerical value only (e.g. 'fourth', 'seventh', etc.);
- demonstrate basic knowledge of composers of the music performed, including their nationality and approximate dates;
- discuss their approaches to learning the pieces, and to identify any particular difficulties (musical or technical) which were encountered;
- demonstrate a basic understanding of the workings of their instrument, and to name its principal constituent parts.

In addition to the requirements for Grades 1-4, candidates may be asked to:

- identify intervals up to and including an octave by number and type (e.g. 'Major 2nd', 'Perfect 4th', etc.);
- demonstrate knowledge of basic formal structures (e.g. contrasting or repeated sections);
- identify principal modulations (by naming the new key or its relationship to the home key);
- identify major and minor chords as occurring in the music (either as chords or as melodic patterns);
- identify the historical period of the music performed (Renaissance, Baroque, etc.).

GRADE 6

In addition to the requirements for Grades 1-5, candidates may be asked to:

- discuss their personal responses to the music performed: the extent to which they like or dislike it, or find it challenging or rewarding, and why;
- approaches to learning the music, including the use of certain techniques, and aspects of interpretation;
- identify melodic and harmonic features of the music (e.g. sequence, melodic inversion, circle of 5ths, pedal points, etc.):
- demonstrate knowledge of formal structures (e.g. ternary, binary, rondo etc.);
- demonstrate a self-critical awareness of their own performance, indicating to the examiner which aspects of their performance they were happy or unhappy with, and why.

GRADE 7

In addition to the requirements for Grades 1-6, candidates may be asked to:

- identify more complex chords, including sevenths and dissonances, as occurring in the music (either as chords or as melodic patterns);
- · identify cadences;
- give basic biographical information about the composers of the music performed;
- demonstrate awareness of the historical and stylistic context of the music;
- demonstrate a widening musical awareness a little beyond the music performed.

GRADE 8

In addition to the requirements for Grades 1-7, candidates may be asked to:

- demonstrate knowledge of other music by the same composers;
- identify any interval by number and type;
- discuss with the examiner a range of issues arising from the music performed, demonstrating evidence of a rounded musical awareness, in terms both of the repertoire itself, and the candidate's response to it as a performer.

Aural Tests

Notes:

- 1. **GRADE 1 TEST 1(b); GRADE 3 TEST 2(b):** where a candidate wishes to respond to either of these tests in the alternative manner as specified, the examiner must be informed in advance of the tests being administered. This may be done either via the Centre representative or attendant on the day (in advance of the examination), or by the candidate (in the examination, in advance of the tests).
- 2. In tests where the identification of note values (rhythmic values) is required, such as Grade 2, test 1(c), candidates are required to respond by listing the rhythmic values in the order in which they occur in the extract, e.g. 'minim, crotchet, crotchet' or 'minim, four quavers'.
- 3. In tests where a sung response is required, candidates may use any clear and appropriate syllable or vowel sound (e.g. 'ah', 'la', 'oo', etc.) They may also hum or whistle. Candidates may request tests to be transposed if required by their vocal range. Candidates may play back such tests on their instrument if they prefer; in this case, examiners must be informed prior to the administration of the tests (see note 1 above).
- 4. In tests where responses describing pitch are required, candidates may use letter-names (A, B, C, etc.), tonic sol-fa (doh, re mi, etc.), or number (1, 2, 3, etc., or 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) (Where a minor key is used, it will be assumed that doh=tonic.)
- 5. Please note that from Grade 2 onwards, candidates are required to beat time (i.e. conduct), NOT to tap or clap the pulse. They may join in during the initial playing, or a second playing may be given.
- 6. Candidates may request any test to be given one repeat playing without loss of marks.
- 7. Please note that in all cases, examiners will use a piano to conduct the tests. Examiners will ask candidates to stand or sit in such a position that they cannot see the piano keyboard.
- Please note that the printed wording is a guide only. Examiners are encouraged to conduct the tests in a conversational manner.

Requirements:

GRADE 1

Rhythm

A short harmonised passage, of approximately 6-8 bars in length, will be played. The passage will be in either 2/4 or 3/4 time. Candidates will be asked to:

- 1 (a) identify the time signature as "2" or "3" time (2 marks).
- 1 (b) clap or tap on each pulse beat, in time, in 2 or 3 time, accenting the first beat of each bar, as the examiner plays the passage again (2 marks).

Candidates may elect to respond to tests 1(a) and 1(b) in reverse order. In this case, the examiner should be informed in advance of the tests being administered (see Note 1 above).

Pitch

Two notes of different pitches will be played, one after the other. Candidates will be asked to:

- 2 (a) identify as "first" or "second" which of the two notes is EITHER the higher OR the lower, at the examiner's discretion (1 mark).
 - The two notes will be played again. Candidates will be asked to:
- 2 (b) sing back one of the two notes (EITHER the first OR the second, at the examiner's discretion) (1 mark).

 The key-chord of a major key will be played, followed by a short unharmonised melody in the same key, of approximately 4 bars in length. The examiner will stop playing before the final (tonic) note. The candidate will be asked to:
- 2 (c) sing clearly the missing final tonic (2 marks).

Rhythm

A short harmonised passage, of approximately 8 bars in length, will be played. The passage will be in either 3/4 or 4/4 time. Candidates will be asked to:

- 1 (a) identify the time signature as "3" or "4" time (1 mark).
- 1 (b) beat (conduct) time, with a clear beat-shape (conducting pattern), in time with the examiner's playing, as the examiner plays the passage again (1 mark).

The examiner will select one bar from the passage, and will play it in an unharmonised version. Candidates will be asked to:

1 (c) identify and describe the note values (rhythmic values of the notes) in the bar (2 marks).

Pitch

A major or minor triad will be played, followed by one note taken from the triad. Candidates will be asked to:

2 (a) identify the note as "bottom, middle or top" OR "Doh, Mi or Soh" OR "root, 3rd or 5th" (candidate's choice) (1 mark).

The triad will be played again. Candidates will be asked to:

2 (b) state if the triad is major or minor (1 mark).

The key-chord of a major key (C, F, G, and D majors only) will be played, and the key stated, followed by the first five notes of the scale in ascending order. The examiner will then play any ONE of these notes again. Candidates will be asked to:

2 (c) identify the note, EITHER by letter name OR by tonic sol-fa name OR by number (1, 2, 3, 4 or 5) as elected by the candidate (1 mark).

The test will be repeated, using a different example (1 mark).

GRADE 3

Rhythm

A short harmonised passage, of approximately 8 bars in length, will be played. The passage will be in 6/8 time. Candidates will be asked to:

1 (a) beat (conduct) time, with a clear beat-shape (conducting pattern), 2 beats in the bar (NOT 6 beats in the bar), in time with the examiner's playing, as the examiner plays the passage again (1 mark).

The candidate will be shown three lines of music (marked 1, 2 and 3), each of which will contain four individual bars of music in 6/8 time (marked a, b, c and d). The examiner will indicate which line of music is being used. One of the bars on that line will be played, twice. Candidates will be asked to:

1 (b) indicate which bar (a, b, c or d) has been played (1 mark).

The test will be repeated, using a different example (1 mark).

Pitch

An interval will be played twice, once with the pitches sounded successively, and once with the pitches sounded together. The intervals will be restricted to the following: Major 2nd, Major 3rd, Perfect 4th, Perfect 5th. Candidates will be asked to:

2(a) identify the interval, by numerical value only (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th) (1 mark).

The test will be repeated, using a different interval (1 mark).

The key-chord of a major or minor key (C, G, D, F and Bb majors; A and E minors only) will be played, and the key stated. A short unharmonised melody, in the same key, of approximately 3 bars in length, will be played, twice. Rhythms will be limited to crotchets, quavers, minims, dotted minims and semibreves. Candidates will be asked to:

2 (b) sing back the melody (3 marks).

Candidates may elect to respond to test 2(b) by playing the melody on their instrument, instead of singing. In this case, the examiner should be informed in advance of the tests being administered (see note 1 above).

Rhythm

A short harmonised passage, of approximately 8 bars in length, will be played. The passage will be in either 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 or 6/8 time. Candidates will be asked to:

1 (a) beat (conduct) time, with a correct and clear beat shape (conducting pattern) according to the time signature of the music, in time with the examiner's playing, as the examiner plays the passage again. (Passages in 6/8 time should be conducted with a 2-beat pattern). (2 marks).

A short phrase, of approximately 2 bars in length, taken from the passage, will be played in an unharmonised version, twice. The phrase will include no rhythmic values shorter than a semiquaver, but may include simple dotted patterns. Candidates will be asked to:

1 (b) clap or tap back the rhythm of the phrase (2 marks).

Pitch

An interval will be played twice, once with the pitches sounded successively, and once with the pitches sounded together. The interval will be restricted to any major, minor or perfect interval up to and including an octave. Candidates will be asked to:

2(a) identify the interval, by numerical value and type (1 mark).

The test will be repeated, using a different interval (1 mark).

The candidate will be shown three similar versions of a short melody (marked 1, 2 and 3). The versions will differ in pitch, but not in rhythm. One of the versions will be played, twice. Candidates will be asked to:

2 (b) identify which version was played (2 marks).

GRADE 5

Rhythm

A short harmonised passage, of approximately 8 bars in length, will be played. The passage will be in either 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8 or 6/4 time. Candidates will be asked to:

1 (a) beat (conduct) time, with a correct and clear beat shape (conducting pattern) according to the time signature of the music, in time with the examiner's playing, as the examiner plays the passage again. (Passages in 6/8 or 6/4 time should be conducted with a 2-beat or 6-beat pattern as appropriate). (2 marks).

A short phrase, of approximately 2 bars in length, taken from the passage, will be played in an unharmonised version, twice. Candidates will be asked to:

1 (b) identify and describe the note values (rhythmic values of the notes) in the phrase (2 marks).

Pitch

An interval will be played twice, with the pitches sounded together. The interval may be any major, minor or perfect interval within the octave, as well as the augmented 4th / diminished 5th. Candidates will be asked to:

2(a) identify the interval, by type and numerical value (1 mark).

The test will be repeated, using a different interval (1 mark).

The key-chord of a major key will be sounded. A short melody in the same key, of approximately 2 bars in length, will be played, finishing with a harmonised cadence (perfect, imperfect, plagal, or interrupted) in the home key. Candidates will be asked to:

2 (b) identify the cadence, either by its conventional name, or as "finished" (perfect and plagal) or "unfinished" (imperfect or interrupted) (1 mark).

The test will be repeated, using a different example (1 mark).

Rhythm and Pitch

A harmonised passage, in simple time, of not more than six bars in length, and containing some syncopated patterns, will be played, twice. Candidates will be asked to:

- 1(a) identify the time signature (1 mark).
- 1(b) identify whether the passage is in a major or minor key (1 mark).
- 1(c) identify, by number and type, any interval within the octave, occurring in the melody-line between two succeeding notes. These pitches will be played again, first as occurring in the melody, and then with the pitches sounded together (1 mark).

A short phrase from the passage, of 1-2 bars in length, will be played again in an unharmonised version. Candidates will be asked to:

- 1(d) clap or tap back the rhythm of the phrase (1 mark).
- 1(e) identify and describe the note values (rhythmic values) in the phrase (2 marks).

Pitch

The key-chord of a major key will be sounded. A short melody in the same key, of approximately 2 bars in length, will be played, finishing with a harmonised cadence (perfect, imperfect, or interrupted) in the home key. Candidates will be asked to:

2 (a) identify the cadence by its conventional name (1 mark).

The key-chord of a major key will be sounded, and the key named. A short harmonised passage in the same key, of approximately 4 bars in length, will be played. The passage will contain one modulation to a related key (dominant, subdominant, or relative minor), finishing with a perfect cadence in that key. Candidates will be asked to:

2 (b) identify the key into which the passage has modulated, either by name or by relationship to the home key (candidate's choice) (1 mark).

GRADE 7

- 1 (a) A harmonised passage of approximately 12 to 16 bars in length, in either simple or compound time, will be played, once. Candidates will be asked a selection of the following:
 - to identify the time signature
 - to identify whether the passage is in a major or minor key
 - to describe the overall dynamics
 - to describe the basic overall form (this will be limited to AB, ABA, AAB, ABAB, AABA) (2 marks).
- 1 (b) The candidate will be given a copy of the score, without phrasing, tempo, articulation, or dynamic markings. The passage will be played once again in full; further shorter sections may also be played again. Candidates will be asked a selection of the following:
 - to suggest an appropriate tempo marking
 - to describe changes in tempo
 - to name the key
 - to describe phrasing patterns
 - to describe dynamics
 - to describe articulation
 - to identify modulations
 - to identify ornaments
 - to confirm their description of the form (4 marks).
- 2. The key-chord of a major or minor key will be sounded. A short harmonised passage in the same key, of approximately 2 bars in length, will be played, finishing with a harmonised cadence (perfect, imperfect, plagal, or interrupted) in the home key. Candidates will be asked to:

identify the cadence by its conventional name. (1 mark).

The test will be repeated, using a different example (1 mark).

- 1. A harmonised passage of approximately 12 to 16 bars in length, in either simple or compound time, will be played, once. Candidates will be asked a selection of the following:
 - · to identify the time signature;
 - to identify whether the passage is in a major or minor key;
 - · to suggest an appropriate tempo marking;
 - to describe and identify any particularly noticeable aspects of the dynamics, phrasing, articulation, modulation, ornamentation, texture, etc. (examiners may play certain extracts from the passage again);
 - to suggest a musical style (Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Twentieth Century or Modern, Jazz / Popular);
 - to identify any interval in the melodic line between two successive notes, up to and including a Major 10th (the two pitches will be played again, as occurring in the melody);
 - to clap back, or identify and describe the note values (rhythmic values) of, a short phrase of 1-2 bars in duration, taken from the passage and played again in an unharmonised version;
 - to identify a cadence, taken from the passage, played again by the examiner (4 marks).
- 2. The candidate will be given a copy of the score, without phrasing, tempo, articulation, or dynamic markings. The passage will be played once again in full; further shorter sections, of up to 4 bars in length, may also be played again, sometimes with changes in phrasing, tempo, articulation and/or dynamics. Candidates will be asked a selection of the following:
 - to name the key
 - to identify modulations
 - to identify ornaments
 - to describe the overall form (in addition to those specified for Grade 7, these may include ABCA, ABCBA, AA'BA, ABA'B, and similar structures, as well as more organic forms, or forms based on imitative or fugal structures);
 - to identify simple melodic, rhythmic or harmonic devices, such as sequence, inversion, repetition, pedal points, augmentation / diminution, motivic development, etc.
 - to identify changes in phrasing, tempo, articulation and/or dynamics, in short passages, of up to 2 bars in length, played in two different styles by the examiner (4 marks).