

MTB Grade 2 Violin

Recital

Select **two** pieces from the following list (25 marks each)

As an alternative to the pieces below, candidates may perform up to 2 free choice pieces.

For guidance on selecting and approving free choice pieces please [click here](#)

Composer	Piece	Book	Publisher
D and K Blackwell	Ready to Rock Clear skies Paris café	Fiddle Time Sprinters (3)	OUP
Michael Rose	No. 5 Pony Ride	Michael Rose: Fiddler's Ten	Novello
D and K Blackwell	Prelude from "Te Deum" Caribbean Sunshine The Old Chariot	Fiddle Time Runners	OUP
Mary Cohen	Mexican Hat Dance Puttin' on the blue check shirt	Bags of American Folk	Faber
Mary Cohen	Circassian Circle Sailor's Hornpipe The Flop-eared Mule	Bags of Folk	Faber
Mary Cohen	Over the Rainbow It's the end of the show	Bags of Showbiz	Faber

Waterfield and Beach	The railroad corral Simple gifts Cape Cod shanty (2nd pos)	O Shenandoah!	Faber
James Alexander	Entr'acte from <i>Rosamunde (No 2)</i> Trumpet hornpipe Hava nagila	Abracadabra 2	A and C Black
Neil Mackay	Tango Rebecca	Four Modern Dance Tunes	Stainer and Bell
Edward Elgar	Andante (1) Andantino (4)	Six Easy Pieces Op 22	Faber Music
Kabalewski	Galopp (5) Nachts auf dem Fluss (6)	Albumstücke	Peters
Shostakovich	Kleiner Marsch	Albumstücke	Peters or Sikorski
Sheila Nelson	Whirlpool Waltz	Piece by Piece 1	Boosey and Hawkes
Edward Huws Jones	Red-haired boy	Jigs, Reels and Hornpipes	Boosey and Hawkes
arr. Lanning	Jupiter Largo Pomp and Circumstance	The Classic Experience: Violin	Cramer

Technical Section
(Prepare all 3 sections)

Section 1

Study (unaccompanied) (15 marks)

As an alternative to the studies below, candidates may perform a free choice study or piece.

For guidance on selecting and approving free choice studies or pieces please [click here](#)

Select one study from the following list

Composer	Piece	Book	Publisher
Mary Cohen	Overture and beginners Make your mind up please	Superstudies 2	Faber
D and K Blackwell	In orbit (F major) Double decker (C major)	Fiddle time scales 1	OUP

Section 2

For section 2 prepare either option 1 or option 2 (10 marks)

Option 1 - Scales & Arpeggios from memory

For the examination the Candidate should be asked to perform **all** of the following scales and arpeggios from memory. Play each scale and arpeggio with separate bows **or** slurred (ie not both ways) as requested by the teacher/examiner

Scales

- F major One octave
- C major One octave
- Bb major Two octaves
- G minor Two octaves (harmonic or melodic)

Arpeggios

- F major One octave
- C major One octave
- Bb major Two octaves
- G minor Two octaves

Bowing: Scales: separate and slurred in pairs. Arpeggios: separate and slurred in threes. (See MTB Violin Scale bowing patterns)

Option 2 – Alternative to scales from memory

Play **with the music**, all the scales and arpeggios for this grade from the sheet:

MTB Scales Option 2 – [Alternative to Scales and arpeggios from memory](#)
(which can be downloaded from the website)

Section 3

Technical exercises (10 marks)

Either: Prepare all the technical exercises required for this grade which can be downloaded from the website (syllabus page) - see [MTB Technical exercises sheet](#).

Or select **One** option from the following list

Eta Cohen Violin Method bk 1: G major 2 octaves bowing pattern Ex 32 and 33
(Novello)

Sheila Nelson The Essential String Method: Pease Pudding Hot- variations
(Boosey and Hawkes)

Chromatic exercise: 011223 and back, on each string
(see downloadable [Chromatic Exercise](#) sheet on syllabus page).

Reading and listening skills (15 marks)

Candidates must perform the *Reading skills* plus either option 1 or option 2 of the *Listening skills*

Reading skills

Perform the Rhythm Exercises for this grade – see [MTB Reading Skills sheet](#) which can be downloaded from the website syllabus page.

Plus

Listening Skills (choose option 1 or option 2)

Option 1 - Sing the Prepared Aural Tests for this grade which can be downloaded from the website syllabus page – see [MTB Listening Skills sheet](#)

Or

Option 2 - Perform the duet for this grade which can be downloaded from the website syllabus page – see [MTB Violin Duets sheet](#)