

## The LSMD Centre for Teaching

# Introductory Grade – Grade 4 Piano Syllabus Piano Teacher Handbook and Errata

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**About The LSMD Centre for Teaching** 

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professional development for teachers and learners.

Through music and drama training courses, workshops and examinations we aim to provide

accessible tuition and teacher training.

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## **Piano Grade Exam Marking Scheme**

SCHEDULE OF MAXIMU	M MARKS
Technical Studies	15
Sight Reading &	15
Comprehension Aural Observation	10
Piece 1 Piece 2 Piece 3	20 20 20

The grade examinations are marked out of 100. Candidates must secure:-

AWARD	MARK
First Class Honours	87 - 100
Honours	80 - 86
Merit	75 – 79
Pass	65 - 74

#### Depending on grade a medal will be awarded to candidates who achieve a mark of 95 or over.

All original material, including LSMD piano books must accompany candidates in the exam room, photocopies will not be permitted without original material present in the exam room.

### **Notes**

The LSMD Introductory Grade Piano Syllabus

**Introductory Grade** 

#### The LSMD Introductory Grade Piano Syllabus

Technical Studies <u>15 Marks</u>

All similar motion scales and chords to be prepared with each hand separately at the examiner's choice. All scales are to be played legato and from memory.

Similar Motion Major: C and G 1 Octave

**Chords** Broken Chord in Root Position

Major: C and G 1 Octave



**Five Finger** To be played legato and hands together.

**Exercise** 

Five Finger Exercise: Over middle C.



#### The LSMD Introductory Grade Piano Syllabus

#### **Sight Reading and Comprehension**

#### 15 Marks

This section comprises of three sections (sight reading, theory and comprehension).

**Sight Reading** Candidates will be required to identify and locate notes from their prepared pieces in the treble and bass clefs.

(to include treble and bass clef, up to and including one ledger line above and below the stave, sharp and flat)

**Theory** Name and Explain: Treble Clef, Bass Clef, Bar Lines, Note Values and Rest Values.

**Comprehension** Candidates will be required to understand the treble clef and bass clef.

Identify: Treble and Bass Clefs.

Aural Observation <u>10 Marks</u>

#### **Memory**

To recognise two notes played by the examiner as being ascending or descending.

To identify a short phrase from one of the candidates prepared pieces as played by the examiner.

Clap back from memory a short two-bar phrase in simple quadruple time. The pulse will be given at the beginning of the phrase, the phrase will be played 3 times by the examiner.



Sing back from memory a short one-bar melody played twice by the examiner.

(Ranging from Middle C to G moving by step. The tonic chord, starting note and pulse will be given).



#### **The LSMD Introductory Grade Piano Syllabus**

Performance 60 Marks

To perform three pieces from the syllabus – There is a maximum of 20 marks per piece - See following page for details.

\*Schedule of Maximum Marks Awards for Introductory Grade Examination: 100 Marks

\*Approximate Timing for Introductory Practical Exam: 10 minutes

## **Introductory Grade Exam Pieces**

Candidates must choose **three pieces** from the following list: Pieces marked with \* are recommended for the very young beginner

	Name of Piece	Book
1	The Duckling	Music Lessons Have Begun (Lelia Fletcher, Boston Music
		Company)
2	Campfire March	Music Lessons Have Begun (Lelia Fletcher, Boston Music
3	Canoe Song	Company) Music Lessons Have Begun (Lelia Fletcher, Boston Music
	•	Company)
4	Halloween Pumpkin	Music Lessons Have Begun (Lelia Fletcher, Boston Music Company)
5	Evening Hymn*	Music Lessons Have Begun (Lelia Fletcher, Boston Music Company)
6	What Shall I Sing?	Music Lessons Have Begun (Lelia Fletcher, Boston Music Company)
7	Morning Has Broken*	Piano Time Pieces 1 (Pauline Hall, Oxford University Press)
8	Frog Count	Piano Time Pieces 1 (Pauline Hall, Oxford University Press)
9	Grass So Green	Piano Time Pieces 1 (Pauline Hall, Oxford University Press)
10	Theme from the	John Thompson Easiest Piano Course (John Thompson, Willis
	Creation	Music Company)
11	Minuet in G	John Thompson Easiest Piano Course (John Thompson, Willis Music Company)
12	Sonatina	John Thompson Easiest Piano Course (John Thompson, Willis Music Company)
10	Can-Can	John Thompson Easiest Piano Course (John Thompson, Willis Music Company)
11	Our Old Clock	Teach Me to Play, Preliminary Book (Howard Kasschau, Schirmer)
12	My Prayer	Teach Me to Play, Preliminary Book (Howard Kasschau, Schirmer)
13	Ice Cream Mountain	Teach Me to Play, Preliminary Book (Howard Kasschau, Schirmer)
14	Over Hill and Dale	Joy of First Year Piano (Denes Agay, The Joy Books)
15	Playful Dialogue	Joy of First Year Piano (Denes Agay, The Joy Books)
16	Eventide	Joy of First Year Piano (Denes Agay, The Joy Books)
17	Dancing Raindrops	Joy of First Year Piano (Denes Agay, The Joy Books)
18	Cotillion Polka	Joy of First Year Piano (Denes Agay, The Joy Books)
19	Lullaby for a French Doll	Joy of First Year Piano (Denes Agay, The Joy Books)
20	Waltzing Elephants	Bastien Piano Basics, Level 1 (James Bastien, Neil A. Klos Music
		Company)
21	Thoughtful	New Classics to Modern, Book 1 (Denes Agay)

**The LSMD Primary Grade Piano Syllabus** 

**Primary Grade** 

#### **The LSMD Primary Grade Piano Syllabus**

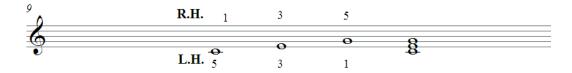
Technical Studies <u>15 Marks</u>

All similar motion scales and chords to be prepared with each hand separately at the examiner's choice. All scales are to be played legato and from memory.

Similar Motion Major: C, G and F One Octave

Chords In Close Position and In Root Position One Octave

Major: C, G and F



Musical Candidates must <u>prepare four musical sentences</u> from the below list.

**Sentence** Candidates will be required to **perform one musical sentence** at the request of the examiner's choice.

**Musical Sentences:** Please note these do not have to be from memory.



#### The LSMD Primary Grade Piano Syllabus

#### **Sight Reading and Comprehension**

15 Marks

This section comprises of three sections (sight reading, theory and comprehension).

#### **Sight Reading**

Candidates will be required to identify and play two notes in the Treble Clef and two notes in the Bass Clef which may include the sharp or flat.

(to include treble and bass clef, up to and including one ledger line above and below the stave, sharp and flat)



#### Theory

The examiner will ask five questions in relation to any of the candidates prepared pieces.

Name and Explain: Treble Clef, Bass Clef, Bar Lines, Time Signatures, Note Values, Marks of Expression, Note Names.

#### Comprehension

Candidates will be required to understand the difference between a tone and a semi-tone.

Identify: Tones and semi-tones in the scale of C Major (do-re-mi-fa-so-la-ti-do').

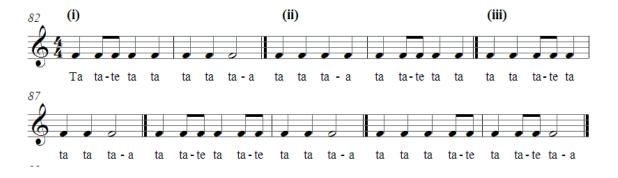
Aural Observation <u>10 Marks</u>

The aural observation comprises of two sections (reading and memory)

#### Reading

To clap at sight a two-bar rhythm in simple quadruple time, consisting of quavers, crotchets and minims using time names.

(French, Kodaly, Orff or other time name systems will be accepted)



#### Memory

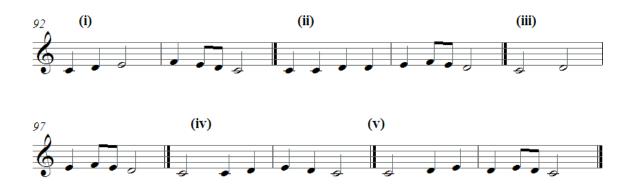
Clap back from memory a short two-bar phrase in simple quadruple time. The pulse will be given at the beginning of the phrase, the phrase will be played 3 times by the examiner.





Sing back from memory a short two-bar phrase played twice by the examiner.

(Ranging from Middle C to G moving by step. The tonic chord, starting note and pulse will be given).



#### **The LSMD Primary Grade Piano Syllabus**

Performance 60 Marks

To perform three pieces from the syllabus – There is a maximum of 20 marks per piece - See following page for details.

\*Schedule of Maximum Marks Awards for Primary Grade Examination: 100 Marks

<sup>\*</sup>Approximate Timing for Primary Practical Exam: 10 minutes

## **Primary Grade Exam Pieces**

Candidates must choose three pieces from the following list:

	Name of Piece	Composer	Book
1	Turpin *in the key of C	Pauline Hall	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
	Major		
2	Martian's March	Pauline Hall	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
3	A Chat Between Friends	Pauline Hall	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
4	Melody in C	Thomas F.	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
		Dunhill	
5	The Sheep on the Downs	Felix Swinstead	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
6	Gavotte	Felix Swinstead	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
7	Marching in Again	Fiona Macardle	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
8	Hop, Skip and Jump	Fiona Macardle	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
9	Merry-Go-Round	Alan Haughton	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
10	Rocking Chair	Alan Haughton	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
11	The Haunted House	Alan Haughton	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
12	Little Mouse	Alan Haughton	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1

	Name of Piece	Book	
1	Shall We Waltz	Teaching Little Fingers to Play More (Leigh Kaplin, Willis Music	
		Company)	
2	The Swing	Teaching Little Fingers to Play More (Leigh Kaplin, Willis Music	
		Company)	
3	Bits and Pieces	More Upgrade 0 – 1 (Pamela Wedgewood, Faber Music)	
4	Beefburger Boogie	More Upgrade 0 – 1 (Pamela Wedgewood, Faber Music)	
5	Paper Chase	More Upgrade 0 – 1 (Pamela Wedgewood, Faber Music)	
6	The Very Fat Toad	More Upgrade 0 – 1 (Pamela Wedgewood, Faber Music)	
7	On the Lake	First Piano Lessons – Scenes at a Farm (Walter Carrol, Forsyth)	
8	May Day Dance	First Piano Lessons – Scenes at a Farm (Walter Carrol, Forsyth)	
9	Drifting Clouds	Joy of First Year Piano (Denes Agay, The Joy Books)	
10	Sailor's Dance	Joy of First Year Piano (Denes Agay, The Joy Books)	
11	On a Green Meadow	Joy of First Year Piano (Denes Agay, The Joy Books)	
12	The Hunter's Song	New Classics to Modern, Book 1 (Denes Agay)	
13	Cradle Song	New Classics to Modern, Book 1 (Denes Agay)	
14	March of the Kings	Roundabout – 16 Easy Pieces for Piano (Alan Haughton)	
15	Grandfather Clock	Roundabout – 16 Easy Pieces for Piano (Alan Haughton)	

The LSMD Preparatory Grade Piano Syllabus

**Preparatory Grade** 

#### The LSMD Preparatory Grade Piano Syllabus

**Technical Studies** 15 Marks

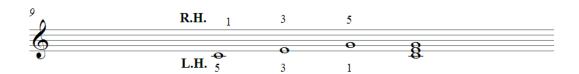
All similar motion scales and chords to be prepared with each hand separately at the examiner's choice. All scales are to be played legato and from memory.

**Similar Motion** Major: C, G and F 1 Octave

Minor: A and D

Chords 1 Octave Close Position Chords In Root Position

> Major: C, G and F Minor: A and D



Musical Candidates must prepare two musical sentences one in the treble clef and one in the bass clef from the below list. Sentence

**Musical Sentences:** Please note these do not have to be from memory.





#### **Sight Reading and Comprehension**

15 Marks

This section comprises of three sections (sight reading, theory and comprehension).

#### **Sight Reading**

Hands separately only a four bar passage in the five finger positions both positioned on middle C, moving by step in simple time.

(to include treble and bass clef, up to and including one ledger line above and below the stave, sharp and flat, quavers, crotchets, minims and semibreves)



#### **The LSMD Preparatory Grade Piano Syllabus**

#### Theory

The examiner will ask five questions in relation to any of the candidates prepared pieces.

Name and Explain: Key Signatures, Time Signatures, Treble Clef, Bass Clef, Bar Lines, Note Values, Marks of Expression, Note Names.

#### Comprehension

Candidates will be required to understand the difference between a tone and a semi-tone.

Identify: The construction of the major scale identifying tones and semi-tones in the scale of C and G Major (do-re-mi-fa-so-la-ti-do').

Aural Observation <u>10 Marks</u>

The aural observation comprises of two sections (reading and memory)

#### Reading

To clap at sight a two-bar rhythm in simple quadruple time, consisting of quavers, crotchets, minims and crotchet rests using time names. (French, Kodaly, Orff or other time name systems will be accepted).



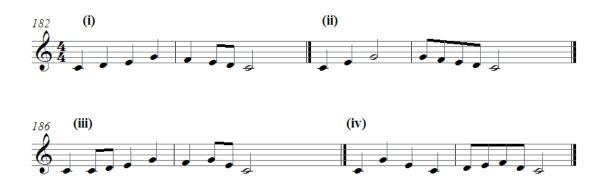
#### Memory

Clap the pulse of a short passage played by the examiner in simple duple or simple triple time. The phrase will be played 3 times by the examiner.





Sing back from memory a short two-bar melody played twice by the examiner in simple duple or triple time. (Within the range of a fifth moving by step and leaps. The tonic chord, starting note and pulse will be given)



#### **The LSMD Preparatory Grade Piano Syllabus**

Performance 60 Marks

To perform three pieces from the syllabus – There is a maximum of 20 marks per piece - See following page for details.

\*Schedule of Maximum Marks Awards for Preparatory Grade Examination: 100 Marks

\*Approximate Timing for Preparatory Practical Exam: 10 minutes

Primary Grade Exam Pieces
Candidates must choose three pieces from the following list:

	Preparatory Piano Grade Prescribed Syllabus		
	Name of Piece	Composer	Book
1	Promenade	Pauline Hall	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
2	Witch's Lair *in the key of F Major	Pauline Hall	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
3	Resting	Felix Swinstead	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
4	Up With The Lark	Felix Swinstead	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
5	The Old Windmill	Thomas F. Dunhill	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
6	A Sad Story	Thomas F. Dunhill	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
7	Swaying Branches	Thomas F. Dunhill	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
8	Coconut Calypso	Pauline Hall	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
9	Petite Valse	Alan Haughton	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
10	Ballerina	Alan Haughton	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
11	Minuet	Alexander Reinagle	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
12	Allegro Grazioso	Cornelius Gurlitt	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
13	Feeling Fine	A.Bullard	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
14	Gigue	Olive J. Wood	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
15	Bouree	F. Le Couppey	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
16	Folk Time	Mozart	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
17	The Musical Box	Berens	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1

	Name of Piece	Book
18	Make Way for the King	Up Grade 0 - 1 (Pauline Edgewood, Faber Music)
19	Apple Pie Waltz	Up Grade 0 - 1 (Pauline Edgewood, Faber Music)
20	English Dance (James Hook)	Joy of First Year Piano (Denes Agay, The Joy Books)
21	Copy Cat	New Classics to Modern, Book 1 (Denes Agay)

The LSMD Grade 1 Piano Syllabus

## **Grade 1**

#### The LSMD Grade 1 Piano Syllabus

Technical Studies <u>15 Marks</u>

All similar motion scales to be prepared with each hand separately and hands together at the examiner's choice. All scales are to be played legato and from memory.

Similar Motion Major: C, G, D, A and F 2 Octaves

Minor: A and D 2 Octaves

(Two Octaves Hands Separately and One Octave Hands Together)

Contrary Motion Major: C and G 1 Octave

**Chords** Broken chords in Root Position and inversions

Major: C and G Minor: A and D

(Hands Separate Only)



#### **Sight Reading and Comprehension**

15 Marks

This section comprises of three sections (sight reading, theory and comprehension).

#### **Sight Reading**

Hands separately in one piece of music a four bar passage in five-finger position. In simple duple, triple and quadruple time.

(to include treble and bass clef, left hand beginning on either middle C or second space C in the bass clef, in the keys of C or G major. Quavers, crotchets, minims, dotted minims, semibreves and, crotchet and minim rests. Dynamics and articulation markings to be observed.)



#### The LSMD Grade 1 Piano Syllabus

#### Theory

The examiner will ask five questions in relation to any of the candidates prepared pieces.

Name and Explain: Key Signatures, Time Signatures, Treble Clef, Bass Clef, Bar Lines, Note Values, Marks of

Expression, Note Names.

#### Comprehension

Candidates will be required to understand the difference between intervals in prepared pieces.

Identify: Intervals of a Major 2<sup>nd</sup>, Major 3<sup>rd</sup>, Perfect 4<sup>th</sup> and Perfect 5<sup>th</sup>.

Aural Observation <u>10 Marks</u>

The aural observation comprises of two sections (reading and memory)

#### Reading

To clap at sight a rhythm in simple quadruple time, consisting of semi-quavers, quavers, crotchets, dotted minims, minims, semibreves and, minim and crotchet rests using time names. (French, Kodaly, Orff or other time name systems will be accepted)



#### **Memory**

Clap back from memory the rhythm of a short passage in simple duple, triple or quadruple time. The passage will be played 3 times by the examiner and the pulse given at the beginning.



Sing back from memory a short melody played twice by the examiner in simple duple, triple or quadruple time. (Within the range of a perfect fifth moving by step and leaps. The tonic chord, starting note and pulse will be given).

#### The LSMD Grade 1 Piano Syllabus



To identify the pulse of a short piece played by the examiner as either simple duple or simple triple time.

Performance 60 Marks

To perform three pieces – There is a maximum of 20 marks per piece - See following page for details.

\*Schedule of Maximum Marks Awards for Grade 1 Examination: 100 Marks

\*Approximate Timing for Grade 1 Practical Exam: 15 minutes

#### **Grade 1 Exam Pieces**

Candidates must choose at least two pieces from the following list. The third piece may be of the candidates own choice piece of equal standard:

	Name of Piece	Composer	Book
1	Three Blue Mice	Terence Greaves	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
2	Baa, Baa, Blue Sheep	Terence Greaves	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
3	A Little Piece	Schumann	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
4	Allegretto in F	Berens	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
5	Polanaise	Richard Jones	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
6	Tut-Tuttin'	Christopher Norton	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1
7	A Winter Song	Christopher Norton	The LSMD Piano Book: Primary to Grade 1

	Name of Piece	Book	
8	Nanneri's Minuet (Mozart)	Young Pianists Repertoire Book 1 (Fanny Waterman & Marion	
		Harewood, Faber Music)	
9	Waltz (Shostakovitch)	Young Pianists Repertoire Book 1 (Fanny Waterman & Marion	
		Harewood, Faber Music)	
10	Tarantella	Piano Time Pieces 2 (Pauline Hall, Oxford University Press)	
11	Gavotte (James Hook)	Piano Time Pieces 2 (Pauline Hall, Oxford University Press)	
12	Rattlesnake Rag	Piano Time Pieces 2 (Pauline Hall, Oxford University Press)	
13	Sonatina No. 3 in F (Atwood)	The Best of Grade 1 Piano (Faber Music)	
14	Quasi Adagio (Bela Bartok)	The Best of Grade 1 Piano (Faber Music)	
15	Air (John Blow)	The Best of Grade 1 Piano (Faber Music)	
16	Creepy Crawly (Peter Gritton)	The Best of Grade 1 Piano (Faber Music)	
17	Piano Piece for the Young	The Best of Grade 1 Piano (Faber Music)	
	(Henkel)		
18	Eeyore's March (Tim Jackson)	The Best of Grade 1 Piano (Faber Music)	
19	Allegretto (Christoph Neefe)	The Best of Grade 1 Piano (Faber Music)	
20	Gavotte (Georg Teleman)	The Best of Grade 1 Piano (Faber Music)	
21	Mad Hatter's Funeral March	Up Grade 1-2 (Faber Music)	
22	Cool Calypso	Up Grade 1-2 (Faber Music)	
23	The Echoe	Encore Grade 1 and 2 (Kate Marshall)	
24	Chattanooga Choo Choo	Encore Grade 1 and 2 (Kate Marshall)	
25	Giga	Encore Grade 1 and 2 (Kate Marshall)	
26	Minuetto	Keyboard Anthology, Book 1, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Series (Wilton)	
27	El Noi de la Mare	Piano Mix 1 – Grade 1 to 2	

# **Grade 2**

<b>Technical Studies</b> All similar motion scales to be prepared hands together at the examiner's choice. All scales and arpeggios are to be played legato and from memory.		
Similar Motion	Major: D, A, E, B and F Minor: E, D and B	2 Octaves 2 Octaves
	WIIIOI. E, D and B	2 Octaves
<b>Contrary Motion</b>	Major: D, A and E	1 Octave
	Minor: D and E	
Arpeggios	Major: D, A, E, B and F	1 Octave
	Minor: E, D and B	1 Octave
	(Hands Separate Only)	
Chromatic	C and C Sharp	1 Octave
	(Ascending and Descending, Hands Separate)	

# **Sight Reading and Comprehension**

15 Marks

This section comprises of three sections (sight reading, theory and comprehension).

**Sight Reading** A short passage, hands together in the keys of C, G or F Major.



**Theory** The examiner will ask questions in relation to any of the candidates prepared pieces.

Name and Explain: As previous grades including dynamic variations, articulation and performance directions. Identify: Major and minor chords in root position only.

**Comprehension** Describe: The style of one of the candidates prepared pieces (i.e. Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Jazz, Popular etc.)

Aural Observation <u>10 Marks</u>

The aural observation comprises of two sections (observation and memory)

#### Observation

To identify the intervals of two notes played by the examiner as either a Major 2<sup>nd</sup>, Major 3<sup>rd</sup>, Perfect 4<sup>th</sup> or Perfect 5<sup>th</sup>.

To listen to a short piece played once by the examiner and identify dynamic variations, articulations and tempo.



# Memory

Clap back from memory the rhythm of a four bar melody in simple duple, triple or quadruple time, and state the time signature. The passage will be played 3 times by the examiner and the pulse will be given at the beginning of the piece.



Sing back from memory a short melody played twice by the examiner in simple duple, triple or quadruple time. (Within the range of a perfect fifth moving by step and leaps. The tonic chord, starting note and pulse will be given).



#### Performance

To perform three pieces – There is a maximum of 20 marks per piece - See following page for details.

60 Marks

\*Schedule of Maximum Marks Awards for Grade 2 Examination: 100 Marks

\*Approximate Timing for Grade 2 Practical Exam: 15 minutes

# **Grade 2 Exam Pieces**

Candidates must choose at least two pieces from the following list. The third piece may be chosen from the pieces below or be of the candidates own choice of equal standard:

	Name of Piece	Composer	Book
1	Tarantella	Friedrich Burgmuller	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
2	Homework Blues	Pam Wedgewood	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
3	Charlestown	Pam Wedgewood	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
4	Clowning	Dmitri Kabalevsky	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
5	Sonatina, Movement I	Clementi	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
6	Study in A minor	F. Beyer	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
7	Andantino	Mayer	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
8	Tick Tock Tango	Heather Hammond	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4

Name of Piece		Book
9	Waltz of Beauty and the Prince	Young Pianist Repertoire, Book 1 (Fanny Waterman & Marion Harewood, Faber Music)
10	Old French Song (Tchaikovsky)	Young Pianist Repertoire, Book 1 (Fanny Waterman & Marion Harewood, Faber Music)
11	Swinging Along (Muller)	Music Through Time, Book 1 (Pauline Hall and Paul Harris, Oxford University Press)
12	Night Journey (Gurlitt)	Music Through Time, Book 1 (Pauline Hall and Paul Harris, Oxford University Press)
13	Bagatelle (Diabelli)	More Classics to Moderns 2 (Yorktown Music Press)
14	Sonatina (Salutrinskaya)	More Classics to Moderns 2 (Yorktown Music Press)
15	Raiders of the Lost Ark	Making the Grade, Grade 2 (Chester Music)
16	Jean de Florette Theme (Petit)	Making the Grade, Grade 2 (Chester Music)
17	Clocks	Making the Grade, Grade 2 (Chester Music)
18	My Heart Will Go On (Horner)	Making the Grade, Grade 2 (Chester Music)
19	Two Pieces for Musical Clocks	Young Pianists Repertoire, Book 2 (Faber Music)
	(Haydn)	
20	Prelude (Reinecke)	Short Romantic Pieces for Piano, Book 1 (ABRSM Publishing)
21	Waltz (Dyson)	Short Romantic Pieces for Piano, Book 1 (ABRSM Publishing)
22	Minuet and Trio (Haydn)	Hours with the Masters Pre Grade 2 (Bosworth)
23	The Bee	Encore Book 1 (ABRSM Publishing)
24	Lullaby	Encore Book 1 (ABRSM Publishing)
25	Garage Sake	Encore Book 1 (ABRSM Publishing)
26	Minuetto (James Hook)	New Classics to Modern, Book 2 (Yorktown Music Press)
27	Piano Music Young and Old 2	New Classics to Modern, Book 2 (Yorktown Music Press)
28	Gigue	New Classics to Modern, Book 3 (Yorktown Music Press)

# **Grade 3**

<b>Technical Studies</b> All similar motion scales and arpeggios to be prepared hands together at the examiner's choice. All scales and arpeggios are to be played legato and from memory.		
Similar Motion	Major: B, F, B, B flat, E flat and A flat Minor: G and C harmonic minor	2 Octaves 2 Octaves
Contrary Motion	Major: D, A and F Minor: G and C	1 Octave
Arpeggios	Major: B, F, B, B flat, E flat and A flat Minor: G and C	2 Octaves 2 Octaves
Chromatic	B and B flat (Ascending and Descending)	2 Octaves

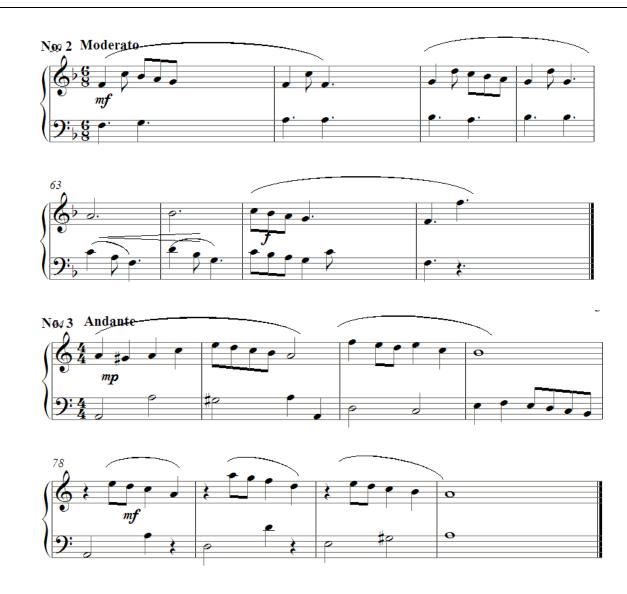
# **Sight Reading and Comprehension**

15 Marks

This section comprises of three sections (sight reading, theory and comprehension).

**Sight Reading** A short passage, hands together in the keys of C, G or F Major, A or D minor.





# **Theory** The examiner will ask questions in relation to any of the candidates prepared pieces.

Name and Explain: As previous grades including dynamics, articulation, mood and performance directions.

Identify: Major and minor chords in root position only.

# Comprehension

Describe: The style and musical features of any of the prepared pieces at the request of the examiner. (i.e. Baroque,

Classical, etc. and rhythm, melody etc.)

Aural Observation <u>10 Marks</u>

The aural observation comprises of two sections (observation and memory)

#### Observation

To identify the intervals of two notes played melodic and harmonic by the examiner as either a minor 3<sup>rd</sup>, Major or Perfect interval, up to and including an octave.

To listen to a short piece played once by the examiner and identify the tonality of the piece, variations of dynamics, tempo and articulations.



# Memory

Clap back from memory the rhythm of a short melody in simple or compound time, and state the time signature. The passage will be played 3 times by the examiner and the pulse will be given at the beginning of the piece.



Sing back from memory a short melody played twice by the examiner in simple time or compound time. (The tonic chord, starting note and pulse will be given).



Performance 60 Marks

To perform three pieces – There is a maximum of 20 marks per piece - See following page for details.

\*Schedule of Maximum Marks Awards for Grade 3 Examination: 100 Marks

\*Approximate Timing for Grade 3 Practical Exam: 20 minutes

# **Grade 3 Exam Pieces**

Candidates must choose at least two pieces from the following list. The third piece may be chosen from the pieces below or be of the candidates own choice of equal standard:

Name of Piece		Composer	Book
1	Sonatina – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Movement Op 36 No 2	Clementi	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
2	Sea Pink	Gurlitt	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
3	Allegro in F	Mozart	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
4	Half-a-Minute Waltz	Pam Wedgewood	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
5	Night in the Woods	Gedike	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
6	That's The Way to Jazz It	Heather Hammond	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
7	Scherzo	Bertini	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
8	Tango Argentina	Pauline Hall	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4

Name of Piece		Book
9	The New Doll (Tchaikovsky)	Keyboard Anthology Second Series, Book 2 (ABRSM Publishing)
10	Melody (Khachatuirian)	Classics to Modern Book 3 (Yorktown Music Press)
11	Puppets Complaint (Franck)	Classics to Modern Book 3 (Yorktown Music Press)
12	Piano Music Young and Old 1	Classics to Modern Book 3 (Yorktown Music Press)
13	If I Were A Rich Man (Bock)	Making the Grade Book 3 (Chester Music)
14	Schindler's List (John Williams)	Making the Grade Book 3 (Chester Music)
15	She's The One (Wallinger)	Making the Grade Book 3 (Chester Music)
16	Hubble Bubble	Up Grade, Grades 1 – 2 (Pam Wedgewood, Faber Music)
17	Canon	Sound Works Series, Pick Up Pieces for Young Pianists (Philip Martin, Contemporary Music Centre, 1994)
18	The Sad Boy	Sound Works Series, Pick Up Pieces for Young Pianists (Philip Martin, Contemporary Music Centre, 1994)
19	A Fairy Story (Kullak)	Short Romantic Pieces for Piano Book 1 (ABRSM Publishing)
20	The Railroad Blues	Cool Piano 3 (Heather Hamond and Kevin Mayhew)
21	Minuet and Trio (Mozart)	Hours With The Masters Book 2 (Bosworth)
22	Diversions No. 1 or 4	Diversions (Richard Rodney Bennett, Universal)
23	Innocence	25 Easy and Progressive Studies (Burgmuller, Edition Peters)
24	Sonatina in B flat	Encore Book 2 (ABRSM Publishing)
25	Andante	Piano Mix Book 2 (ABRSM Publishing)
26	Muppet Show Themes	Piano Mix Book 2 (ABRSM Publishing)
27	Scherzo	Piano Mix Book 2 (ABRSM Publishing)

# **Grade 4**

<b>Technical Studies</b> All scales and arpeggios to be prepared hands together at the examiner's choice. All scales and arpeggios are to be played legato and from memory.		
Similar Motion	Major: B flat, E flat, A flat, D flat and F sharp Minor: F and F sharp	2 Octaves 2 Octaves
Contrary Motion	Major: B flat, F and F sharp Minor: B and F	2 Octaves
Arpeggios	Major: B flat, E flat, A flat, D flat and F sharp Minor: F and F sharp	2 Octaves 2 Octaves
Chromatic	Beginning on any note	2 Octaves

# **Sight Reading and Comprehension**

**15 Marks** 

This section comprises of three sections (sight reading, theory and comprehension).

**Sight Reading** A short passage, hands together in the keys of C, G, D, F or B flat Major; A, E or D minor.





#### Theory

The examiner will ask questions in relation to any of the candidates prepared pieces.

Name and Explain: As previous grades including dynamics, articulation, mood, tonality and performance directions.

Identify: Major and minor chords in root position, first inversion and second inversion.

Identify: Major, Perfect and minor intervals (harmonic and melodic).

#### Comprehension

Describe: Background information about the composers of their prepared pieces at the request of the examiner. (i.e. date of birth, birthplace, compositions/works).

Aural Observation <u>10 Marks</u>

The aural observation comprises of two sections (observation and memory)

# Observation

To listen to a short piece played once by the examiner and to comment on the tonality of the piece, variations of dynamics, tempo and articulations.



To recognise a rhythmic or melodic change in a two bar melody played once by the examiner (i.e. did the change occur in the first or second bar).



#### **Memory**

Clap back from memory the rhythm of a short melody in simple or compound time, and state the time signature as either simple duple, simple triple, simple quadruple or compound duple. The passage will be played 3 times by the examiner and the pulse will be given at the beginning of the piece.



Sing back from memory a short melody played twice by the examiner in simple time or compound time.

(The tonic chord, starting note and pulse will be given).





#### Performance

To perform three pieces – There is a maximum of 20 marks per piece - See following page for details.

60 Marks

\*Schedule of Maximum Marks Awards for Grade 4 Examination: 100 Marks

\*Approximate Timing for Grade 4 Practical Exam: 20 minutes

# **Grade 4 Exam Pieces**

Candidates must choose at least two pieces from the following list. The third piece may be chosen from the pieces below or be of the candidates own choice of equal standard:

Name of Piece		Composer	Book
1	Minuet	Haydn	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
2	Presto	Mozart	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
3	Scherzando	Camidge	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
4	Jumping Jack	Nielsen	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
5	Aria	Telemann	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
6	Wombling	Christopher Norton	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
7	Baroque and Roll	Alan Haughton	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4
8	Dixieland Dandy	Heather Hammond	The LSMD Piano Book: Grade 2 to Grade 4

Name of Piece		Book
9	Waltz (Franz Schubert)	Classics to Modern Book 3 (Yorktown Music Press)
10	Sonatina in F Major (Clementi)	Classics to Modern Book 3 (Yorktown Music Press)
11	Sonata in G (Scarlatti)	Classics to Modern Book 3 (Yorktown Music Press)
12	Air (Hook)	Keyboard Anthology Series 3, Book 3 (ABRSM Publications)
13	Watchman's Song (Grieg)	Keyboard Anthology Series 1, Book 2 (ABRSM Publications)
14	Study in A flat (Heller)	Keyboard Anthology Series 1, Book 2 (ABRSM Publications)
15	Gigue (Hummel)	Keyboard Anthology Series 2, Book 2 (ABRSM Publications)
16	Knight Rupert	Album for the Young (Schumann)
17	Take Your Time	Micro Jazz Collection 3, Level 5 (Boosey and Hawkes)
18	Steam Train Blues (Norton)	Micro Jazz Collection 3, Level 5 (Boosey and Hawkes)
19	Toccatina	Kabelevsky: 30 Children's Pieces Op. 27 (Boosey and Hawkes)
20	Scherzo (Muller)	Hours With The Masters Book 2 (Bosworth)
21	Gavotte (Purcell)	Hours With The Masters Book 2 (Bosworth)
22	I Dreamed a Dream	Making the Grade, Grade 4 (Chester Music)
23	On My Own	Making the Grade, Grade 3 (Chester Music)
24	Allegro (Mary Kelly)	Soundbites: Album of Pieces for Young Pianists (Contemporary Music Centre)
25	Fairy Dance (Grieg)	Lyric Pieces: Poetic Tone Picture (ABRSM Publications)
26	Carnival in Rio	Encore Book 2 (ABRSM Publications)
27	Freeway	Encore Book 2 (ABRSM Publications)
28	Rondo (Mozart)	Piano Mix Book 3 (ABRSM Publications)
29	Jive Hoot	Piano Mix Book 3 (ABRSM Publications)

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