

PREREQUISITE FOR ENTRY: Grade 5 (or above) in Theory of Music, Practical Musicianship or any solo Jazz subject.

THREE PIECES: one chosen by the candidate from each of the three Lists, A, B and C:

LIST A

- 1 **J. S. Bach** Prélude: 1st movt from Cello Suite No. 3 in C, BWV 1009. *Bach Six Cello Suites, trans. Rowland-Jones (Peters EP 7489) or trans. Forbes (Chester CH01401/Music Sales)*
- 2 **Beethoven** Adagio or Allegretto alla Polacca: 2nd or 5th movt from *Nocturno* for Viola and Piano, Op. 42 (*Schott ED 1009I/MDS*)
- 3 **Bonporti** Invenzione No. 6 in F minor, Op. 10 No. 6 (*complete*). *Bonporti Two Inventions for Viola, arr. Martos and Nagy (Kunzelmann GM 1195/Peters)*
- 4 **Dittersdorf** Allegro moderato: 1st movt from Viola Sonata in E \flat (*Hofmeister/Music Sales*)
- 5 **Frescobaldi** Toccata. *Music for Viola III, arr. Szeredi (Editio Musica Budapest Z.13397/FM Distribution)*
- 6 **Mozart** Theme with Variations (*omitting Vars 3 & 5*) from Divertimento in D, K. 334, trans. Szaleski (*PWM 6167060/MDS*)
- 7 **A. Stamitz** Rondeau: 3rd movt from Viola Concerto in B \flat (*Schott VAB 29/MDS*)

LIST B

- 1 **Berlioz** Sérénade (*complete*): 3rd movt from *Harold en Italie*, ed. Macdonald (*Bärenreiter BA 5457a*)
- 2 **Brahms** Sonatensatz (Sonata Movement: Scherzo) in C minor, Op. posth., trans. Katims (*IMC 440/MDS*)
- 3 **Bruch** Romance for Viola, Op. 85 (*Schott VAB 6/MDS*)
- 4 **Glazunov** Elegie for Viola, Op. 44 (*Belaieff BEL 200/MDS*)
- 5 **Hummel** Andantino con moto and Allegro non troppo: 2nd and 3rd movts from *Fantasia* for Viola (*Kunzelmann GM 164/Peters*)
- 6 **Joachim** No. 2: from *Hebrew Melodies* for Viola, Op. 9 (*IMC 3272/MDS* or *Musica Rara 1828/Breitkopf & Härtel*)
- 7 **Rolla** Andante or Romance and Polacca: 2nd or 4th movt from Viola Sonata No. 2 in E \flat (*Amadeus BP 824/MDS*)

LIST C

- 1 **Leroy Anderson** Fiddle-Fiddle, arr. Arnold (*Viola World/Music Sales*)
- 2 **Bloch** Affirmation: 3rd movt from *Suite Hébraïque* (*Schirmer GS28608/Music Sales*)
- 3 **Derek Bourgeois** Caprice for Viola and Piano, Op. 119a (*Brass Wind*)
- 4 **Rebecca Clarke** Morpheus for Viola and Piano (*OUP*)
- 5 **Paul Coletti** From My Heart: from *Three Pieces for Viola and Piano* (*OUP*)
- 6 **Aaron Minsky** The Flag Waver: from *Three American Pieces* for Unaccompanied Viola, trans. Dalton (*OUP*)
- 7 **Vaughan Williams** Christmas Dance: No. 3 from *Suite for Viola*, Group 1 (*OUP*)

* Published by ABRSM (Scale requirements, Specimen Sight-Reading Tests, Specimen Aural Tests)

Viola GRADE 8

SCALES AND ARPEGGIOS*: from memory, in the following keys:

F, F#, G, Ab, A, Bb, B majors; F, F#, G, G#, A, Bb, B minors (two octaves)

All other keys C–E inclusive, major and minor (three octaves)

Scales: in the above keys (minors in *both* melodic *and* harmonic forms):

(i) separate bows, even notes, as examples in Violin Grade 6

(ii) slurred, even notes, two or three octaves to a bow according to range

Chromatic Scales: starting on C#, D, Eb, E and F (two octaves) and C (three octaves):

(i) separate bows, even notes

(ii) slurred, twelve notes to a bow

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys for the ranges indicated:

(i) separate bows, even notes, as example in Violin Grade 1

(ii) slurred, six notes to a bow (two-octave arpeggios) and three *or* nine notes to a bow at candidate's choice (three-octave arpeggios)

Dominant Sevenths: in the keys of F#, G, Ab and A (starting on C#, D, Eb and E and resolving on the tonic) (three octaves):

(i) separate bows, even notes, as example in Violin Grade 3

(ii) slurred, four *or* twelve notes to a bow at candidate's choice

Diminished Sevenths: starting on C# and D (three octaves):

(i) separate bows, even notes, as for dominant sevenths

(ii) slurred, four *or* twelve notes to a bow at candidate's choice, as for dominant sevenths

Double Stop Scales:

(i) in sixths in the key of Ab major (two octaves): separate bows, as example in Violin Grade 8

(ii) in octaves in the keys of G major and C minor (*both* melodic *and* harmonic forms) (one octave): separate bows, as for scale in sixths above

(iii) in thirds in the key of Eb major (two octaves): slurred bowing with repeated notes, as example in Violin Grade 8

SIGHT-READING*: (alto and treble clefs) see p. 7

AURAL TESTS FOR THE GRADE*: see pp. 56 and 60