Viola GRADE 6

PREREQUISITE FOR ENTRY: ABRSM Grade 5 (or above) in Music Theory, Practical Musicianship or any solo Jazz subject. For alternatives, see www.abrsm.org/prerequisite.

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

LIST A

- 1 J. S. Bach Menuets 1 and 2: from Cello Suite No. 1 in G, BWV 1007. Bach Six Cello Suites, trans. Rowland-Jones (Peters EP 7489) or trans. Forbes (Chester CH01401)
- 2 Caix d'Hervelois La Marche du Czar. No. 17 from L'Alto classique, Vol. C, arr. Classens (Combre P04438)
- 3 Fiocco Allegro, trans. Arnold (Viola World VWP000015)
- 4 Mozart Allegro: 1st movt from Divertimento in C, trans. Piatigorsky. Solos for Young Violists, Vol. 2 (Alfred–Summy-Birchard 18590X)
- 5 Telemann Allegro: 2nd movt from Concerto in G, TWV 51:G9 (Bärenreiter BA 5878-90)
- 6 Telemann Courante and Double (viola to play in tuttis): 6th movt from Suite in D, arr. Bergmann and Forbes (Schott ED 10196)

LIST B

- 1 Albéniz Tango. No. 12 from L'Alto classique, Vol. C, arr. Classens (Combre P04438)
- 2 Brahms Andante: from String Sextet No. 1, Op. 18. More Time Pieces for Viola, Vol. 2, arr. Lamb and Meredith (ABRSM)
- 3 Bridge Serenade. Bridge Four Pieces for Viola (Faber)
- 4 Kalliwoda No. 1: from Six Nocturnes, Op. 186 (Peters EP 2104)
- 5 **Seitz** Allegro moderato: 1st movt from Student Concerto in D (transposed to G), Op. 22 (*Bärenreiter BA 8986*)
- 6 Sitt No. 4: from Album Leaves, Op. 39. Solos for Young Violists, Vol. 4 (Alfred-Summy-Birchard 18750X) or Sitt Album Leaves, Op. 39 (IMC 1048)

LIST C

- 1 Dancla Fantasia La Cenerentola, Op. 86 No. 7, trans. Barber. Solos for Young Violists, Vol. 2 (Alfred-Summy-Birchard 18590X)
- 2 Ehrensperger Ma belle, si tu voulais: from Suite über französische Volkslieder (Amadeus BP 1926)
- 3 B. Hummel Presto: 3rd movt from Kleine Suite, Op. 19c (Simrock EE 2954a)
- 4 Joplin The Easy Winners (observing double-stops; upper line in bb. 83–84). Joplin Three Ragtimes, arr. Birtel (Schott ED 20459)
- 5 Vaughan Williams Carol: No. 2 from Suite for Viola, Group 1 (OUP)
- 6 Weill & Brecht Mack the Knife (from The Threepenny Opera), arr. Reiter. More Time Pieces for Viola, Vol. 2, arr. Lamb and Meredith (ABRSM)

SCALES AND ARPEGGIOS*: from memory; for further details (incl. examples) see pp. 8–9 and 12–15

	range	bowing requirements	rhythm pattern
Scales			
Db(C#), F#, Ab(G#) majors & minors	2 oct.	separate bows and slurred	even notes or long tonic,
C, D majors & minors	3 oct.	(7 notes to a bow)	at candidate's choice
(minors harmonic or melodic, as directed by the examiner)			
Arpeggios			
D♭(C♯), F♯, A♭(G♯) majors & minors	2 oct.	separate bows <i>and</i> slurred (6 notes to a bow)	even notes
C, D majors & minors	3 oct.	separate bows <i>and</i> slurred (3 notes to a bow)	even notes
Dominant sevenths (resolving on tonic)			
In the keys of F, F# and G	2 oct.	separate bows <i>and</i> slurred (4 notes to a bow)	even notes
Diminished sevenths			
Starting on C, C# and D	2 oct.	separate bows <i>and</i> slurred (4 notes to a bow)	even notes
Chromatic scales			
Starting on C, C# and D	2 oct.	separate bows <i>and</i> slurred (6 notes to a bow)	even notes
Double-stop scale (in broken steps)			
In sixths, in Eb major	1 oct.	see p. 12	see p. 12

SIGHT-READING*: a piece of around twelve to sixteen bars in length, time and key signatures as Grade 5, with the addition of $\frac{9}{8}$, $\frac{5}{4}$ and $\frac{5}{8}$ and F minor. Highest note A (a''): shifts as required to cover this range. Further use of chords. Some passages in treble clef may be included. A slowing of tempo within the piece followed by an a tempo may be encountered, as may triplet rhythms. See also p. 9.

AURAL TESTS FOR THE GRADE*: see pp. 68 and 71

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