

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC AND ARTS, LONDON

GRADE EXAMINATIONS IN BIBLE READING

Candidates may use the Authorised Version of the Bible or any other translation, including *The Message*.

A second copy of the translation used should be available for the Examiner.

Marks awarded for Grades 3 to 7 are 65–74 Pass, 75-84 Distinction, 85-89 Honours and 90-100 First Class Honours; in Grade 8 marks are 100 Pass, 120 Distinction, 130 Honours and 140 First Class Honours.

LOWER DIVISION

Grade 3 – Junior

Readings 50 marks

Any TWO of the readings listed:

Genesis: Chapter 7, verses 1 to 6

Psalms 34

Matthew: Chapter 20, verses 1 to 16

Acts: Chapter 9, verses 1 to 6

John: Chapter 8, verses 1 to 11

Sight Reading 20 marks

A reading from the Bible translation used, selected by the Examiner

General Impression 15 marks

The Examiner will assess clarity, diction, delivery, sincerity, poise, expression, pause, posture, projection, stance, pace – and so on

Discussion with Examiner 15 marks

The candidate will be expected to discuss words, phrases and ideas in the chosen readings

Grade 4 – Pre-Intermediate

Readings 50 marks

Any TWO of the readings listed:

Exodus: Chapter 3, verses 1 to 10

Psalms 96

John: Chapter 16, verses 1 to 14

Ecclesiastes: Chapter 3, verses 1 to 13

John: Chapter 13, verses 1 to 17

Sight Reading 20 marks

A reading from the Bible translation used, selected by the Examiner

General Impression 15 marks

The Examiner will assess clarity, diction, delivery, sincerity, poise, expression, pause, posture, projection, stance, pace – and so on

Discussion with Examiner 15 marks

The candidate will be expected to discuss words, phrases and meanings in the chosen readings

STUDENTS DIVISION

Grade 5 – Intermediate

Readings 50 marks

Any TWO of the readings listed:

1 Samuel: Chapter 18, verses 1 to 12

Proverbs: Chapter 20, verses 1 to 15

Luke: Chapter 5, verses 1 to 13

Revelation: Chapter 21, verses 1 to 18

Hebrews: Chapter 12, verses 1 to 13

Sight Reading 20 marks

A reading from the Bible translation used, selected by the Examiner

General Impression 15 marks

The Examiner will assess clarity, diction, delivery, sincerity, poise, expression, pause, posture, projection, stance, pace – and so on

Discussion with Examiner 15 marks

The candidate will be expected to discuss phrases, ideas and meanings in the readings chosen

Grade 6 – Senior

Readings 50 marks

Any TWO of the readings listed:

Isaiah: Chapter 11, verses 1 to 16

Psalms: Chapter 107, verses 1 to 32

Matthew: Chapter 17, verses 1 to 13

Romans: Chapter 8, verses 1 to 18

John: Chapter 14, verses 1 to 14

Sight Reading 20 marks

A reading from the Bible translation used, selected by the Examiner

General Impression 15 marks

The Examiner will assess clarity, diction, delivery, sincerity, poise, expression, pause, posture, projection, stance, pace – and so on

Discussion with Examiner 15 marks
The candidate will be expected to discuss words, phrases, ideas and meanings in the chosen readings; and be able to understand passages in the context of the Bible as a whole

Grade 7 – Advanced Senior
Readings 50 marks

Any TWO of the readings listed:
1 Samuel: Chapter 17, verses 32 to 50
Psalm 109
1 Corinthians: Chapter 13, verses 1 to 13
Philippians: Chapter 4, verses 1 to 13
Ephesians: Chapter 1, verses 1 to 10

Sight Reading 20 marks
A reading from the Bible translation used, selected by the Examiner; the candidate will be expected to locate the reading in the Bible

General Impression 15 marks
The Examiner will assess clarity, diction, delivery, sincerity, poise, expression, pause, posture, projection, stance, pace and general confidence

Discussion with Examiner 15 marks
The candidate will be expected to discuss the meaning and point of the readings in the context of the Bible as a whole

Grade 8 – Student’s Graduate

Readings 75 marks

Any TWO of the readings listed:
Isaiah: Chapter 43, verses 1 to 19
Psalms 110 AND 111
John: Chapter 1, verses 1 to 14
Philemon, Verses 1 to 25
Luke: Chapter 2, verses 22 to 40

Sight Reading 25 marks
A reading from any translation of the Bible, selected by the Examiner, and located in the Bible by the candidate

General Impression 25 marks
The Examiner will, assess clarity, diction, delivery, sincerity, poise, expression, pause, posture, projection, stance, pace, flow and general confidence

Discussion with Examiner 25 marks

The candidate will be expected to discuss the chosen readings in the context of the Bible as a whole, and should be familiar with the sequence of the books of the Bible