



NATIONAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC AND ARTS  
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syllabus

**BASSOON**



**THE NATIONAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC, LONDON**

**GRADE EXAMINATIONS IN BASSOON PLAYING**

**Grade 1 – Primary**

Scales and Arpeggios 10 marks  
C and F majors; C harmonic minor;  
one octave slurred and tongued

Study 20 marks

One from the following:

Hinke

No 8 *from* 90 Easy Bassoon Studies (Emerson)

Langey

No 3, Page 14, Practical Tutor for the Bassoon (Boosey & Hawkes)

Weissenborn

No 8 *from* Bassoon Studies Vol 1 (Peters)

Solos 40 marks

One from each list:

**List A**

Aubert

Gavotte, No 7 *from* First Book of Bassoon Solos (Faber)

Bergmann

Romance, No 8 *from* First Book of Bassoon Solos (Faber)

Burness

Allegro, No 2 OR Slow Waltz, No 1 *from* Four Easy Pieces (Paterson)

Czerny

Rise and Shine *from* Bravo Bassoon (Boosey & Hawkes)

Diabelli

Serenade, Op 25 *from* Learn as You Play Bassoon (Boosey & Hawkes)

Gluck

Chorus *from* Learn as You Play Bassoon (Boosey & Hawkes)

Hughes

Minuet *from* Six Low Solos (Emerson)

Maxwell Davies

When I Got Out of Bed *from* Time Pieces for Bassoon, Vol 1 (Assoc Board)

Sheen

Rondo, No 3 *from* The Really Easy Bassoon Book (Faber)

Tchaikovsky

Russian Folksong, No 6 *from* The Really Easy Bassoon Book (Faber)

**List B**

Cowles

Sludge Pump *from* 25 Fun Moments for Bassoon (Studio Music)

Dodgson

Lone Road *from* Up Front Album (Brass/Wind)

Hammer

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|-------------|--|-----------------|
| Loane       | Walking Tune <i>from</i> Bassoon Bagatelles                              | (Emerson)       |
| Lyons       | Sleigh Ride <i>from</i> Team Woodwind                                    | (Faber)         |
| Muset       | Natasha's Hedgehog <i>from</i> New Bassoon Solos, Bk 1                   | (Useful U)      |
| Rae         | Winter Song <i>from</i> Bassoon Favourites, Bk 1                         | (Useful U)      |
| Sebba       | Blue Bop, No 4 <i>from</i> 16 Characteristic Studies                     | (Reedimension)  |
| Traditional | Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud, No 82 <i>from</i> Abracadabra Bassoon            | (A & C Black)   |
| Traditional | Cockleshells, No 19 <i>from</i> First Book of Bassoon Solos              | (Faber)         |
| Traditional | Robin Adair <i>from</i> Favourite Folk Songs for the Beginner Bassoonist | (Spartan Press) |

Sight Reading 10 marks  
Music of very easy difficulty

Viva Voce Theory 10 marks  
Simple questions relating to the staff; treble and bass clefs; names and values of notes; rests; simple time; and words and signs on the music performed.

Ear Tests 10 marks

1. To clap or tap the notes values of a melody not exceeding four bars in 2/4 or 3/4 time consisting of minims, dotted minims, crotchets and quavers only, after it has been played twice on the piano by the Examiner.
2. To name any of the first five degrees of the major scales of C when played on the piano after the key note has been sounded.
3. To say whether a simple harmonic phrase is in a major or minor key after it has been played twice.

### Grade 2 – Elementary

Scales and Arpeggios 10 marks  
G major, Bb major, G and E minors (harmonic or melodic); one octave; slurred and tongued

Study 20 marks  
One from the following:

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|-------------|---|-------------------|
| Langey      | No 21 <i>from</i> Practical Tutor for the Bassoon                   | (Boosey & Hawkes) |
| Nicholson   | No 29 <i>from</i> 90 Easy Bassoon Studies                           | (Emerson)         |
| Weissenborn | No 2, page 4 OR No 6, page 5 <i>from</i> Bassoon Studies Op 8 Vol 1 | (Peters)          |

Solos 40 marks

One from each list:

**List A**

Grieg

Bauernlied, No 13 *from* The Really Easy Bassoon Book (Faber)

Handel:

Aylesford's Piece *from* Learn As You Play Bassoon (Boosey & Hawkes)

Henry VIII

Pastime with Good Company *from* Bassoon Favourites Bk 1 (Montem Music)

Hughes

Bolero, No 3 *from* Six Low Solos (Emerson)

Rameau

Sarabande *from* Bravo Bassoon (Boosey & Hawkes)

Saint-Saens

The Elephant *from* Really Easy Bassoon Book (Faber)

Schumann

The Merry Peasant *from* First Book of Bassoon Solos (Faber)

Susato

Rondo *from* Bassoon Favourites, Bk 1 (Montem Music)

Traditional

Portsmouth, No 88 *from* Abracadabra Bassoon (A & C Black)

Weber

Rustic Dance, No 27 *from* First Book of Bassoon Solos (Faber)

**List B**

Barratt

Anna's Cake-Walk *from* Bravo Bassoon (Boosey & Hawkes)

Cowles

Macaroon OR

Bassoon Street Blues *from* 25 Fun Movements for Bassoon (Studio Music)

Gregson

Nostalgic Waltz *from* Up Front Album for Bassoon (Brass/Wind)

Hanmer

Walking Tune, No 3 *from* Bassoon Bagatelles (Emerson)

Rae

Inter-Galactic March *from* 16 Characteristic Studies (Reedimension)

Sullivan

Policeman's Song *from* Time Pieces for Bassoon, Vol 1 (Assoc Board)

Traditional

Caribbean Dance *from* Team Woodwind (Faber)

Watts

Humdinger Hoedown *from* Fresh Air Bassoon (Mayhew)

Wedgewood

Cheeky Cherry *from* Really Easy Jazzin' About for Bassoon (Faber)

Wilson

Modal (Camden Music)

Sight Reading

10 marks

Music of very easy difficulty

Viva Voce Theory 10 marks  
Questions as for Grade 1 with the addition of major key signatures

Ear Tests 10 marks

1. To clap or tap the note values of a melody not exceeding four bars in 2/4 or 3/4 time consisting of minims, dotted minims, crotchets, dotted crotchets and quavers only, after it has been played twice on the piano by the Examiner.
2. To identify any note of the major scale of C after the key note has been sounded.
3. To say whether a simple harmonic phrase is in a major or minor key after it has been played twice on the piano.

### Grade 3 - Junior

Scales and Arpeggios 10 marks

G major, D major; B minor, G minor (harmonic or melodic); tongued and slurred.  
Chromatic scale starting on F.

Study 20 marks

One from the following:

Concone

No 1 *from* The Singing Bassoon (Emerson)

Langey

No 42 *from* The Bassoon (Boosey & Hawkes)

Weissenborn

No 3 in C, page 7, *from* Bassoon Studies Op 8 Vol 1 (Peters)

Solos 40 marks

One from each list:

#### **List A**

Bizet

Entracte *from* Going Solo Bassoon (Faber)

Corrette

Bruit de Chasse *from* Bassoon Solos Vol 1 (Chester)

Galliard

Sonata No 6 in C, 4<sup>th</sup> Movement (Peters)

Handel

Air from The Water Music, Bassoon Favourites Bk 1 (Montem Music)

Hughes

Valse Humoresque *from* 6 Low Solos (Emerson)

Jacob

A Peaceful Piece, No 1 *from* 4 Sketches (Emerson)

Mozart

Se a Caso Madama *from* Going Solo (Faber)

Rimsky-Korsakov

Theme from Scheherazade, No 5 *from* Going Solo Bassoon (Faber)

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| Schubert | Trio, No 4 <i>from</i> Going Solo Bassoon             | (Faber)        |
| Verdi    | La Donna è Mobile <i>from</i> Bassoon Favourites Bk 1 | (Montem Music) |

### **List B**

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|-----------|---|-------------------|
| Cowles    | One Hump or Two? - No 1 <i>from</i> Whose Zoo?                | (Spartan Press)   |
| Doolgson  | Hobby Horse <i>from</i> Up Front Album for Bassoon            | (Brass/Wind)      |
| Goddard   | Daydreams <i>from</i> Party Pieces                            | (Spartan Press)   |
| Hazell    | From Rags to Rags <i>from</i> Up Front Album                  | (Brass/Wind)      |
| Norton    | Out for Lunch, No 3 <i>from</i> Microjazz for Bassoon         | (Boosey & Hawkes) |
| Rae       | Circular Waltz, No 10 <i>from</i> 16 Characteristic Studies   | (Reedimension)    |
| Sebba     | Mexican Hat Dance, No 107 <i>from</i> Abracadabra for Bassoon | (A & C Black)     |
| Watts     | Shiny Shoe Shimmy <i>from</i> Fresh Air Bassoon               | (Mayhew)          |
| Wedgewood | Hot Chilli <i>from</i> Really Jazzin' About for Bassoon       | (Faber)           |

Sight Reading 10 marks  
Music of Grade 1 difficulty

Viva Voce Theory 10 marks  
As for earlier Grades; with the addition of compound time, minor key signatures, and the formation of both forms of the minor scale

Ear Tests 10 marks

1. To clap or tap the note values of a melody not exceeding four bars in 2/4 or 3/4 time played twice on the piano by the Examiner, and to say whether it is in duple or triple time.
2. To name three diatonic notes played as a melody and chosen from the major scale of C, F or G. The key note will be stated and played.
3. To say whether a harmonic phrase is in a major or minor key, and discuss the closing cadence.

### **Grade 4 – Pre-Intermediate**

Scales and Arpeggios 10 marks  
F, G and D major; D, E and B minor (harmonic or melodic); two octaves, slurred and tongued. Chromatic scale from G. Dominant 7<sup>th</sup> arpeggio in the key of C major.

Study 20 marks

One from the following:

Concone

No 2 OR 3 *from* The Singing Bassoon (Emerson)

Langey

Nos 50 AND 57 *from* The Bassoon (Boosey & Hawkes)

Weissenborn

No 4 in E minor, page 9 *from* Bassoon Studies Op 8, Vol 1 (Peters)

Solos 40 marks

One from each list:

**List A**

Bartok

Evening in the Country *from* Going Solo Bassoon (Faber)

Boismortier

Gigue and Paysane *from* 8 Little Pieces, Op 40 (Peters)

Farnaby

Tower Hill *from* Going Solo Bassoon (Faber)

Galliard

Sonata No 6 in C, 1<sup>st</sup> Movement (Peters)

Howells

Minuet – Grace for a Fresh Egg (Novello)

Mercy

Minuetto No 1 *from* Bassoon Solos, Vol 1 (Chester)

Sebba

Ride of the Valkyries *from* Abracadabra Bassoon (A & C Black)

Telemann

Sonatina in A minor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Movement (Schott)

Traditional

Walking Tune (Emerson)

Traditional

Mountain Shadow *from* 3 Hebridean Melodies (Emerson)

**List B**

Bernstein

One Hand, One Heart *from* Leonard Bernstein for Bassoon  
(Boosey & Hawkes)

Bratton

The Teddy Bears' Picnic *from* Time Pieces for Bassoon (Assoc Board)

Cowles

The Zebra Crossing *from* Who's Zoo? (Spartan Press)

Goddard

Ragamuffin *from* Party Pieces (Spartan Press)

Jacob

A Little Waltz and Polka *from* 4 Sketches (Emerson)

Joplin

The Nonpareil *from* Bassoon Favourites, Bk 2 (Montem Music)

Norton

Intercity Stomp OR Catwalk *from* Microjazz for Bassoon  
(Boosey & Hawkes)

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|-------------|--|---------------|
| Ozi         | Polonaise, No 8 <i>from</i> 42 Caprices                                      | (Hofmeister)  |
| Sebba       | In the Hall of the Mountain King, No 122 <i>from</i> Abracadabra for Bassoon | (A & C Black) |
| Traditional | The Maiden's Blush <i>from</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Book of Bassoon Solos         | (Faber)       |

Sight Reading 10 marks  
Music of Grade 2 difficulty

Viva Voce Theory 10 marks  
Questions as for earlier Grades, with the addition of general vocabulary of musical terms.

Ear Tests 10 marks

1. To clap or tap the note values of a melody not exceeding four bars in 2/4 or 3/4 time after it has been played twice on the piano by the Examiner. To beat time (conduct) while the same melody is played again, and to say whether it is duple time or triple time.
2. To hum or sing a simple four-bar melody in a major key after it has been played twice on the piano by the Examiner. The melody will be in 2/4 or 6/8 time.
3. To say whether a triad played by the Examiner is major or minor.

## **Grade 5 – Intermediate**

Scales and Arpeggios 10 marks  
C, Bb, Eb and D majors; A, G, C and B minors – harmonic and melodic.  
Chromatic scale from A; dominant 7<sup>th</sup> arpeggio in the key of Bb major.  
All in two octaves, slurred and tongued.

Study 20 marks  
One from the following:  
Concone  
No 6 *from* The Singing Bassoon (Emerson)  
Langey  
No 109, page 66, *from* The Bassoon (Boosey & Hawkes)  
Weissenborn  
No 4 OR 5 *from* Bassoon Studies, Op 8 Vol 2 (Peters)

Solos 40 marks  
One from each list:  
**List A**  
J S Bach  
Bouree from Suite No 3 (Assoc Board)



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|-------------|---|----------------|
| Boismortier | Sonatina in C minor, Op 50 No 5, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Movement | (Musica Rara)  |
| Corrette    | Aria, Sonata No 1   | (Schott)       |
| Galliard    | Allemanda OR Menuet from Sonata No 4 in E minor           | (Peters)       |
| Haydn       | Minuet, arr Paine   | (Belwin Mills) |
| Hess        | Rondo No 2 <i>from</i> 7 Recital Pieces Vol 1             | (Hinrichsen)   |
| Marcello    | Sonata in A minor, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Movement               | (IMC)          |
| Mussorgsky  | Old Castle <i>from</i> Bassoon Favourites                 | (Montem Music) |
| Telemann    | Sonata in F minor, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Movement               | (IMC)          |
| Vogel       | Concerto in C, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Movement                   | (Sikorski)     |

### **List B**

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|---------|--|-----------------|
| Baines  | Introduction and Hornpipe                                  | (Schott)        |
| Carlson | The Wooden Broomstick Scherzo                              | (Phylloscopus)  |
| Cowles  | Hip, Hip, Hooray <i>from</i> Who's Zoo?                    | (Spartan Press) |
| Davis   | Mr Jeremy Fisher <i>from</i> Unbeaten Tracks – Bassoon     | (Faber)         |
| Foster  | Rondo <i>from</i> Two Simple Pieces                        | (Stainer)       |
| Head    | The Haunted House OR Clouds <i>from</i> 3 Fantastic Pieces | (Emerson)       |
| Lawson  | Seascale Saunter <i>from</i> 2 Cumbrian Caprices           | (Phylloscopus)  |
| Parker  | Tom Jones <i>from</i> The Music of Jim Parker for Bassoon  | (Brass/Wind)    |
| Rose    | Scena <i>from</i> A Miscellany for Bassoon, Bk 2           | (Assoc Board)   |
| Walker  | A La Russe   | (Weinberger)    |

Sight Reading 10 marks  
 Music of Grade 3 difficulty

Viva Voce Theory 10 marks  
 Questions as for earlier Grades, with the addition of diatonic intervals within the octave

### Ear Tests

10 marks

1. To clap or tap the note values of a melody not exceeding four bars in 2/4 or 3/4 time after it has been played twice on the piano by the Examiner. To beat time (conduct) while the same melody is played again and to say whether it is in duple or triple time.
2. To hum or sing a simple four-bar melody in a major key after it has been played twice on the piano. The melody will be in 2/4, 3/4 or 6/8 time.
3. To say whether a triad played on the piano is major, minor or augmented.
4. To sing the top, middle or lowest note of a major or minor triad after it has been played twice on the piano, and to sing up all three notes after the chord has been played again.

### Grade 6 – Senior

#### Scales and Arpeggios

10 marks

Bb major and Bb harmonic and melodic minor scales, three octaves. Chromatic scale from Bb, two octaves.

A, B, Ab and Db major, three octaves.

G, F, F# and G# harmonic and melodic minor scales, three octaves.

Dominant 7<sup>th</sup> arpeggio in the key of Eb major.

All scales and arpeggios tongued and slurred.

#### Study

20 marks

One from the following:

Concone

No 38 *from* The Singing Bassoon

(Emerson)

Milde

No 2 *from* Concert Studies, Vol 2

(IMC)

Weissenborn

No 26 *from* Bassoon Studies, Vol 2

(Peters)

#### Solos

40 marks

One from each list:

##### **List A**

J S Bach

Partita BWV1013, 4<sup>th</sup> Movement

(Universal)

Boismortier

Sonata in D minor, 1<sup>st</sup> Movement

(Musica Rara)

Danzi

Concerto in F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Movement

(Breitkopf)

Dvorak

Larghetto, Sonatina Op 100 *from* 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Bassoon Solos

(Faber)

Galliard

Sonata No 5 in D minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Movement

(Peters)

Gossec

Tambourine and Gavotte

(Emerson)

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|-----------|---|---------------|
| Neruda    | Concerto in C, 1 <sup>st</sup> Movement                                   | (Barenreiter) |
| Prokofiev | The Montagues and the Capulets <i>from</i> Time Pieces for Bassoon, Vol 2 | (Assoc Board) |
| Schumann  | Abendlied, No 36 <i>from</i> Music for Bassoon Vol 2                      | (Assoc Board) |
| Vogel     | Concerto in C, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Movement                                   | (Sikorski)    |

### **List B**

|          |  |                   |
|----------|--|-------------------|
| Cowles   | Climbing <i>from</i> Tenor Tunes for ‘Oons               | (Studio)          |
| Dunhill  | Scherzino from Lyric Suite                               | (Boosey & Hawkes) |
| Damase   | Bassoon Junior   | (Lemoine)         |
| Godfrey  | Introduction and Variations 1 and 3 from Lucy Long       | (Boosey & Hawkes) |
| Grainger | Shepherd’s Hey   | (Assoc Board)     |
| Jacob    | Ars Antiqua – Partita                                    | (OUP)             |
| Kershaw  | Hi, Summer – Autumn Leaves                               | (Spartan Press)   |
| Lyons    | Study No 1 <i>from</i> Arthritis III                     | (Useful Music)    |
| Parker   | Ground Force <i>from</i> Music of Jim Parker for Bassoon | (Brass/Wind)      |
| Parrott  | Fun Fugato and Awkward Waltz                             | (Thames)          |

Sight Reading 10 marks  
 Music of Grade 4 difficulty.

Viva Voce Theory 10 marks  
 Questions as for earlier Grades; including chromatic intervals and inversions.

Ear Tests 10 marks

- 1 To clap or tap the note values of a melody not exceeding four bars in 2/4, 3/4 or 6/8 time after it has been played twice by the Examiner on the piano. To beat time (conduct) while the same melody is played again and to say whether it is duple or triple time.
- 2 To hum or sing a four-bar melody in a minor key after it has been played twice by the Examiner on the piano; the melody will be in 2/4, 3/4 or 6/8 time.
- 3 To say whether a triad played by the Examiner is major, minor, augmented or diminished.

4 To sing the three notes of a major or minor chord as directed after the lowest note only has been played by the Examiner; and, when told the letter-name of the lowest note, to give the letter-names of the other two.

### **Grade 7 – Advanced Senior**

Scales and Arpeggios 10 marks  
Bb and B majors; Bb and B minors, harmonic and melodic; chromatic scale starting on Bb; dominant 7<sup>th</sup> arpeggio in the key of E major – all in three octaves.

Db, D, E and F# majors; G, Eb, C# and G# minors, harmonic and melodic; dominant 7<sup>th</sup> arpeggio in the key of Db major – all in two octaves.

All scales and arpeggios to be slurred and tongued.

Study 20 marks

One from the following:

Concone

No 32 *from* The Singing Bassoon (Emerson)

Milde

No 49 *from* Concert Studies, Vol 2 (IMC)

Weissenborn

No 15 *from* Bassoon Studies, Vol 2 (Peters)

Solos 40 marks

EITHER two solos from List A OR one solo from List A and one solo from List B:

#### **List A**

J S Bach

Concerto in Eb, 2<sup>nd</sup> Movement (Sikorski)

Beethoven

Adagio from Op 76 No 6 (Emerson)

Cooke

Sonata, 1<sup>st</sup> Movement, *from* Solos for the Bassoon Player (Schirmer)

Corrette

Sonata No 6, 1<sup>st</sup> Movement (Schott)

Devienne

Concerto in F, 1<sup>st</sup> Movement (Leuckart)

Fauré

Piece (Leduc)

Francaix

Sonata in F, 1<sup>st</sup> Movement (Emerson)

Galliard

Sonata No 3 in F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Movement (IMC)

De Haan

Scherzo (Schott)

Marcello

Adagio and Allegro from Sonata in E minor (IMC)

Mozart

Sonata in Bb, K292, 1<sup>st</sup> Movement (Chester)

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|----------|---|------------|
| Stamitz  | Concerto in F, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Movement       | (Sikorski) |
| Telemann | Sonatina in C minor, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Movement | (Schott)   |
| Vivaldi  | Sonata in E minor, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Movement   | (IMC)      |
| Vogel    | Concerto in C, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Movement       | (Sikorski) |

### **List B**

|              |   |                   |
|--------------|---|-------------------|
| Bourgeois    | No 3, Fantasy Pieces for Bassoon                | (Brass/Wind)      |
| Cowles       | Wide Spaces <i>from</i> Tenor Tunes for ‘Oons   | (Studio Music)    |
| Jacob        | Preludio and Valse – Partita                    | (OUP)             |
| Lyons        | Study No 2 <i>from</i> Arthritis III            | (Useful Music)    |
| Owen         | Bagatelle                                       | (Arcadia)         |
| Oromszegi    | Locomotive <i>from</i> 15 Characteristic Pieces | (Emerson)         |
| Paciorkiwicz | Flutek’s Adventure <i>from</i> Two Miniatures   | (PWM)             |
| Ridout       | Caliban from Caliban and Ariel                  | (Studio Music)    |
| Sauget       | Barcarolle                                      | (Boosey & Hawkes) |
| Vinter       | Reverie   | (Cramer)          |

Sight Reading 10 marks  
Music of Grade 5 difficulty.

Viva Voce Theory 10 marks  
Questions as for earlier Grades; triads; cadences; general graces and embellishments.

Ear Tests 10 marks

- 1 To clap or tap the note values of a melody not exceeding four bars in 6/8 or 9/8 time after it has been played twice by the Examiner on the piano. To beat time (conduct) while the same melody is played again and to say whether it is in duple or triple time.
- 2 To sing or play from memory the upper part of a simple two-part phrase in a major key after it has been played twice by the Examiner on the piano; the key will be stated.
- 3 To say whether a triad played by the Examiner is major or minor and whether in root position, first inversion or second inversion.
- 4 To say whether a harmonised phrase in a major or minor key played twice by the Examiner modulates at the end or remains in the tonic key.

## Grade 8 – Students’ Graduate

**There is a written theory requirement as part of this Grade** 100 marks

Scales and Arpeggios 20 marks

Bb, B, C, Db and D majors; Bb, B, C, C# and D minors; dominant 7<sup>th</sup> arpeggio in F – all in three octaves.

All other major and minor scales; chromatic scale from any note; dominant 7<sup>th</sup> arpeggio in D – all in two octaves.

Study 20 marks

One from the following:

Cowles

Leapfrog *from* Tenor Tunes for ‘Oons (Studio Music)

Milde

No 6 *from* Concert Studies, Op 26 Vol 1 (IMC)

Weissenborn

No 34 *from* Bassoon Studies, Vol 2 (Peters)

Solos 70 marks

EITHER two solos from List A OR one solo from List A and one solo from List B.

### **List A**

Crusell

Polacca from Concertina (Fazer)

Dard

Sonata in D minor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Movement (Spartan Press or Nove)

Feld

Sonatina, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Movements (Schott)

Fogg

Concerto, 3<sup>rd</sup> Movement (Emerson)

Francaix

Deux Pieces (Schott)

Kozeluh

Concerto in C, 1<sup>st</sup> Movement (IMC)

Maconchy

Concertino, 2<sup>nd</sup> Movement (Lengnick)

Milde

Tarentella, Op 20 (Breitkopf)

Mozart

Concerto in Bb, 2<sup>nd</sup> Movement (Barenreiter)

Pleyel

Concerto in Bb, 3<sup>rd</sup> Movement (Breitkopf)

Saint Saens

Sonata Op 168, 3<sup>rd</sup> Movement (Durand)

Tansman

Suite, 1<sup>st</sup> Movement (Eschig)

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|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Telemann | Sonata in F, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Movement | (Amadeus) |
| Vivaldi  | Concerto in A minor, 1st Movement     | (UMP)     |
| Weber    | Andante from Hungarian Rondo          | (Emerson) |

### List B

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|---------------|---|----------------|
| Beck          | Lord Nelson, No 6 <i>from</i> <i>Hinterludes</i>  | (Phylloscopus) |
| Bourgeois     | No 4 <i>from</i> <i>Fantasy Pieces</i>  | (Brass/Wind)   |
| Bourdeau      | Premier Solo  | (Leduc)        |
| Braun         | Bizaria   | (Universal)    |
| Fogg          | Con Spirito from Concerto   | (Emerson)      |
| Jancourt      | Etude Melodique   | (Emerson)      |
| Oromszegi     | Rondo from Concerto No 4 in Bb<br><i>from</i> 15 Characteristic Pieces in Hungarian Style | (Emerson)      |
| Paciorkiewicz | Little Grotesque <i>from</i> 2 Miniatures   | (PWM)          |
| Rosetti       | Rondo from Concerto No 4 in Bb  | (Simrock)      |
| Trainer       | Song for Connie <i>from</i> <i>Unbeaten Tracks for Bassoon</i>                            | (OUP)          |

Sight Reading 15 marks  
Music of Grade 6 difficulty.

Viva Voce Theory 10 marks  
All rudiments of music; simple chord progression; general discussion with Examiner.

Ear Tests 15 marks

- 1 To clap or tap the note values of a melody not exceeding four bars in 6/8 or 9/8 time after it has been played twice by the Examiner on the piano. To beat time (conduct) while the same melody is played again and to say whether it is in duple or triple time.
- 2 To sing or play from memory the lower part of a simple two-part phrase in a major or minor key after it has been played twice by the Examiner on the piano and, when told the letter name of the lowest note of a four-note chord, to give the letter-names of the remaining three.
- 3 To recognise a modulation at the end of a harmonised phrase in a major key played by the Examiner on the piano as going to the dominant, the relative minor or supertonic minor.

## **DIPLOMA EXAMINATIONS**

### **DipNCM**

This diploma is available in all practical subjects. Candidates in musical subjects must have passed Grade 8 or Senior Bronze Medal examination and also Grade 5 or above in Theory of Music – or examinations of equivalent standard.

Copies of all relevant documentation, together with programme notes on the items to be performed should be forwarded to the College for approval at least one month before formal entry.

The examination consists of a Recital of 10 minutes in length minimum, Sight Reading, and a Viva Voce/Discussion with the Examiner.

Recital 100 marks  
Candidates are required to perform a programme of five items, showing contrast of style and period. A high standard of performance is required.

At least two of the items should be selected from the official lists for Associate. The remaining three ‘own choice’ items may include:

- An original composition by the candidate;
- An item performed from the jazz, blues or ‘popular’ repertoire;
- An item performed in ensemble; eg. string quartet, piano trio, vocal quartet, wind ensemble – the total number of performers not exceeding four.

Performers, other than the candidate, will be allowed in the Examination Room only during the performance of the piece in which they are taking part.

Credit will be given for the quality of choice of each item and the compilation and presentation of the programme as a whole.

Sight Reading 20 marks  
Music of Grade 6/7 standard.

Viva Voce 20 marks  
Questions on the rudiments of music; harmony and chord progression; nature, characteristic features and repertoire of the candidate’s instrument.

Discussion with the Examiner 10 marks  
Discussion on the candidate’s music-making activities, compositions and presentation skills, etc.

Marks  
Maximum marks are 150; the pass mark is 100.

### **Associate Diploma (ANCM)**

This diploma is available as Teacher or Performer. The Teacher Diploma includes a written theory paper equal in difficulty to Grade 6 (Theory of Music) and a



dissertation of about 10,000 words on a subject proposed by the candidate but related to teaching (the subject to be first approved by the College). It has a pass mark, in the practical examination, of 100 out of a possible 150. The Theory/Dissertation pass mark is 75 out of 100. The pass mark for Performer, using the same solo list, is 115 out of a possible 150 marks.

Scales and Arpeggios 20 marks  
 All major and minor keys. Minor scales to be prepared in harmonic and melodic forms.  
 Chromatic scale from any note.  
 Arpeggios to include dominant and diminished 7ths.  
 Three octaves where feasible, slurred and tongued.

Solos 90 marks  
 Two solos from List A and one from List B:

**List A**

|             |  |               |
|-------------|--|---------------|
| J S Bach    | Concerto in Eb – Allegro Spiritoso                         | (Sikorski)    |
| Besozzi     | Sonata – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Movements     | (OUP)         |
| Bozza       | Concertino, Op 49  | (Leduc)       |
| Dard        | Sonata in D minor, Op 2 (complete)                         | (Nova)        |
| Elgar       | Romance  | (Novello)     |
| Fasch       | Sonata in C, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Movements | (Universal)   |
| Frith       | Elegy  | (Camden)      |
| Milde       | Concertino   | (Universal)   |
| Mozart      | Concerto in Bb, 1 <sup>st</sup> Movement                   | (Barenreiter) |
| Nussio      | Variations on a Theme of Pergolesi                         | (Universal)   |
| Rota        | Toccata  | (Berben)      |
| Saint-Saens | Sonata, Op 168, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Movement                   | (Durand)      |
| Tansmann    | Sonata in Eb   | (EMB)         |
| Vivaldi     | Concerto in G, 1 <sup>st</sup> Movement                    | (Emerson)     |

**List B**

|         |                                      |           |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Addison | Concertino, 4 <sup>th</sup> Movement | (Emerson) |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|

|   |  |                   |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Beamish   |  |                   |
| Capriccio   |  | (BDRS)            |
| Bourgeois   |  |                   |
| No 2 OR No 7 <i>from</i> Fantasy Pieces for Bassoon |  | (Brass/Wind)      |
| Carr  |  |                   |
| Girl on a Beach Under a Sunshade                    |  | (Comus)           |
| Jacob   |  |                   |
| Presto and Capricietto from Partita                 |  | (OUP)             |
| Naoumoff  |  |                   |
| Impression  |  | (Schott)          |
| Parrott   |  |                   |
| Rondo Giocoso                                       |  | (Phylloscopus)    |
| Rimsky-Korsakov                                     |  |                   |
| Flight of the Bumble Bee                            |  | (Emerson)         |
| Senaille  |  |                   |
| Introduction and Allegro Spiritoso                  |  | (Novello)         |
| Vinter  |  |                   |
| The Playful Pachyderm                               |  | (Boosey & Hawkes) |

Sight Reading 15 marks  
 Music of Grade 5/6 difficulty

Viva Voce Theory and Aural Tests 25 marks  
 All rudiments; intervals and inversions; attendant keys; cadences; general embellishments; sonata form; identification of triads; chord progression; etc.

### **Licentiate Diploma (LNCM)**

This diploma is available as Teacher or Performer. The Teacher Diploma includes a written theory paper equal in difficulty to Grade 7 (Theory of Music) and a dissertation of about 15,000 words on a subject proposed by the candidate but related to teaching (the subject to be first approved by the College). It has a pass mark, in the practical examination, of 100 out of a possible 150. The Theory/Dissertation pass mark is 75 out of 100. The pass mark for Performer, using the same solo list, is 155 out of a possible 150 marks.

Solos 120 marks  
 Three solos from List A; plus one own choice solo in any style, OR one solo from List B to be performed on the Contra Bassoon.

#### **List A**

|  |  |            |
|--|--|------------|
| Arnold                                   |  |            |
| Fantasy                                  |  | (Emerson)  |
| J C Bach                                 |  |            |
| Concerto in Bb, 1 <sup>st</sup> Movement |  | (Sikorski) |
| Boismortier                              |  |            |
| Concerto in D                            |  | (IMC)      |
| Bozza                                    |  |            |
| Fantaisie                                |  | (Leduc)    |

|             |   |               |
|-------------|---|---------------|
| Danzi       | Concerto in F, 1 <sup>st</sup> Movement                             | (Comus)       |
| Grovlez     | Sicilienne et Allegro Giocoso                                       | (Leduc)       |
| Hindemith   | Sonata  | (Schott)      |
| Hurlstone   | Sonata in F   | (Emerson)     |
| Kalliwoda   | Variations and Rondo, Op 57   | (Peters)      |
| Milde       | Concert Study, Op 26 No 2   | (IMC)         |
| Mozart      | Concerto in Bb, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Movement                            | (Barenreiter) |
| Oromszegi   | Nos 1 and 3 <i>from</i> 15 Characteristic Pieces in Hungarian Style | (Emerson)     |
| Pierné      | Solo de Concert, Op 35  | (Leduc)       |
| Saint-Saens | Sonata in G, Op 168, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Movement                       | (Durand)      |
| Tansman     | Sonatina  | (Eschig)      |
| Telemann    | Sonata in Eb, 1 <sup>st</sup> Movement                              | (EMB)         |
| Vivaldi     | Concerto in E minor, 1 <sup>st</sup> OR 3 <sup>rd</sup> Movement    | (IMC)         |
| Vogel       | Concerto in C, 1 <sup>st</sup> Movement                             | (IMC)         |
| Weber       | Concerto in F, Op 75, 1 <sup>st</sup> Movement                      | (IMC)         |

### **List B (for Contrabassoon)**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Baur      | Arabesken, Girlanden, Figuren (any 2 contrasting pieces) |
| Bottesini | Arias (double bass and piano) (any 2 contrasting pieces) |
| Bruns     | Sechs Stucke, Op 80 (any 1 piece)                        |
| Capuzzi   | Concerto in D (any 1 Movement)                           |
| Dorff     | In a Deep Funk (dance set) (any 1 piece)                 |
| Gipps     | Leviathan  |
| Hansell   | So Low   |
| Lerstad   | Sonate, Op 113 (any 1 Movement)                          |

Schulhoff  
Bass Nightingale (complete)

Waterhouse  
Aztec Ceremonies (any 2 contrasting pieces)

*All the above solos may be obtained from June Emerson-Wind Music, Windmill Farm, Ampleforth, North Yorkshire YO62 4HF*

Sight Reading and Transposition 30 marks  
Sight reading of appropriate standard; transposition of a given passage a semitone or tone up or down.

### **Fellowship Diploma (FNCM)**

**Candidates must have previously passed the NCM Licentiate or examination of similar standard.**

Candidates are required to perform a programme of 35-40 minutes duration. The items selected should show a contrast of style and period, and one item must be performed from memory. Credit will be given for the quality of choice of each piece and for the construction and compilation of the programme as a whole. One item may be performed on the Contrabassoon.

The proposed Fellowship programme must be submitted to the College for approval four weeks before entry.

The Examiner's Report will take the form of a critique. No marks as such will be awarded, and the result will be notified as successful or unsuccessful.

### **MEDAL EXAMINATIONS**

Examinations for Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals are held in most subjects. Details of requirements are as follows:

#### **Junior Bronze**

Two solos from the Grade 3 List  
One own choice solo of similar standard

#### **Intermediate Bronze**

Two solos from the Grade 5 List  
One own choice solo of similar standard

#### **Intermediate Silver**

Two solos from the Grade 6 List  
One own choice solo of similar standard

#### **Intermediate Gold**

Two solos from the Grade 7 List  
One own choice solo of similar standard

**Senior Bronze**

Two solos from the Grade 8 List  
Own own choice solo of similar standard

**Senior Silver**

Two solos from the Associate List  
One own choice solo of similar standard

**Senior Gold**

Two solos from the Licentiate List  
One own choice solo of similar standard  
One of the above should be played from memory  
The candidate should be prepared to discuss with the Examiner the works performed.

**Marks**

Marks are awarded as follows:

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Listed Solos             | 60 marks |
| Own Choice Solo          | 20 marks |
| Discussion with Examiner | 20 marks |

The pass mark is 80. No award of Honours or Distinction is made in the Medal Division but a high standard of performance is expected.



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