



NATIONAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC AND ARTS  
LONDON



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# BIBLE READINGS



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### **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



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