

VIOLA—LEVEL 1

Performance Exam Requirements
Duration of examination: 8 minutes

Scales and Arpeggios (Memory is required.)

Play one scale and arpeggio from each of these two categories:

- One-octave major scale and tonic arpeggio in G or D, starting on open string.
- Two-octave major scale and tonic arpeggio in C.

Metronome: quarter note = 60-69

Bowing for scales: Separate quarter notes or two eighths slurred.

Bowing for arpeggios: Separate quarter notes.

Use half or whole bows on all.

Note: All required scales for this level are printed on the pages following the repertoire listing.

Etudes and/or Pieces (Memory is strongly recommended and will be graded.)

Two total, showing different skills.

At least one of the two must have 16 or more measures without repeats.

At least one should show low second finger.

Sight-reading

None

Recommended Goals for Level 1

Good posture

Good left hand position

Good bow hold

Good intonation and clear tone

Correct rhythm

Use of four fingers and four strings

Use of low second finger

Bowings: half or whole bows, legato, détaché, staccato

Awareness of bow division

Meters: 4/4, 3/4, 2/4