

LAMDA Examination Timings

Effective for Examinations taking place from 01 August 2025 onwards



Examination Timings can be found in the relevant current syllabus under “Total Time Allowance” underneath the Learning Outcomes table. For Remote Online Assessments (ROAs), an additional 5 minutes should be added to each exam time to allow for connectivity and screen set-up time.

Introductory Examinations Syllabus – effective from 01 August 2024 Set pieces can be found in Verse and Prose Anthology Volume 20

INTRODUCTORY	STAGE	Solo	Group
	Stage 1	10 minutes	15 minutes
	Stage 2	10 minutes	15 minutes
	Stage 3	10 minutes	15 minutes

Communication Examinations Syllabus – effective from 01 August 2024

Set pieces for Speaking Verse and Prose examinations can be found in the LAMDA Verse and Prose Anthology -Volume 20

SPEAKING VERSE AND PROSE	GRADE	Solo
Notes: <i>Sight reading for Grades 4-8</i>	Entry	10 minutes
	Grade 1	10 minutes
	Grade 2	15 minutes
	Grade 3	15 minutes
	Grade 4	15 minutes
	Grade 5	20 minutes
	Grade 6	25 minutes
	Grade 7	30 minutes
	Grade 8	35 minutes

READING FOR PERFORMANCE	GRADE	Solo
Notes: <i>Sight reading for Grades 6-8</i>	Entry	10 minutes
	Grade 1	15 minutes
	Grade 2	15 minutes
	Grade 3	15 minutes
	Grade 4	20 minutes
	Grade 5	20 minutes
	Grade 6	30 minutes
	Grade 7	35 minutes
	Grade 8	35 minutes

SPEAKING IN PUBLIC	GRADE	Solo
Notes: <i>Conversation Topic - Examiner choice Grades 4-5</i> <i>Impromptu Speech Grades 6-8</i>	Entry	10 minutes
	Grade 1	15 minutes
	Grade 2	15 minutes
	Grade 3	15 minutes
	Grade 4	20 minutes
	Grade 5	20 minutes
	Grade 6	40 minutes
	Grade 7	40 minutes
	Grade 8	45 minutes

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Shakespeare for Performance Examinations Syllabus – effective from 01 January 2024

SHAKESPEARE FOR PERFORMANCE	Level	Solo
<i>Notes: replaces the Shakespeare qualification. Sight reading for Level 3</i>	Level 1	10 minutes
	Level 2	20 minutes
	Level 3	30 minutes

Performance Examinations Syllabus – effective from 01 August 2024

Set pieces for Acting examinations (Grades 1-5) can be found in the LAMDA Acting Anthology - Volume 5

ACTING	GRADE	Solo	Duo	Combined
	Entry Level	10 minutes	15 minutes	N/A
	Grade 1	15 minutes	25 minutes	25 minutes
	Grade 2	15 minutes	25 minutes	25 minutes
	Grade 3	15 minutes	25 minutes	25 minutes
	Grade 4	20 minutes	35 minutes	35 minutes
	Grade 5	20 minutes	35 minutes	35 minutes
	Grade 6	25 minutes	40 minutes	N/A
	Grade 7	30 minutes	45 minutes	N/A
	Grade 8	35 minutes	50 minutes	N/A

DEVISING DRAMA	GRADE	Solo	Duo
<i>Notes: Improvisation Grades 6-8</i>	Entry	10 minutes	15 minutes
	Grade 1	15 minutes	25 minutes
	Grade 2	15 minutes	25 minutes
	Grade 3	15 minutes	25 minutes
	Grade 4	20 minutes	30 minutes
	Grade 5	20 minutes	30 minutes
	Grade 6	25 minutes	35 minutes
	Grade 7	25 minutes	35 minutes
	Grade 8	30 minutes	40 minutes

MIMING	GRADE	Solo	Duo
	Entry	15 minutes	20 minutes
	Grade 1	20 minutes	25 minutes
	Grade 2	20 minutes	25 minutes
	Grade 3	20 minutes	25 minutes
	Grade 4	25 minutes	30 minutes
	Grade 5	25 minutes	30 minutes
	Grade 6	30 minutes	40 minutes
	Grade 7	30 minutes	40 minutes
	Grade 8	35 minutes	45 minutes

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Musical Theatre Examinations Syllabus – effective from 01 August 2021

MUSICAL THEATRE	GRADE	Solo	Duo
Notes: <i>All songs must be accompanied.</i> <i>They can be live or recorded.</i> <i>They must not include recorded vocals, this includes the backing track.</i>	Entry	10 minutes	15 minutes
	Grade 1	15 minutes	20 minutes
	Grade 2	15 minutes	20 minutes
	Grade 3	15 minutes	20 minutes
	Grade 4	25 minutes	30 minutes
	Grade 5	25 minutes	30 minutes
	Grade 6	35 minutes	40 minutes
	Grade 7	40 minutes	45 minutes
	Grade 8	40 minutes	45 minutes

PCertLAM Syllabus – effective from 01 August 2021

PCertLAM	Level	Solo
Notes: mandatory completion and pass of both units to achieve the overall award	Unit 1: Performance Theory	N/A
	Unit 2: Presenting a Performance Recital	60 minutes

Group Syllabus – effective from 01 August 2019 (except Group Musical Theatre - syllabus effective 01 January 2016)

This qualification is replaced by new syllabus from 01 January 2026

GROUP	GRADE	Group
GROUP RECITAL	Entry	10 minutes
	Grade 1	15 minutes
	Grade 2	15 minutes
	Grade 3	20 minutes
CHORAL-SPEAKING	Entry	10 minutes
	Grade 1	10 minutes
	Grade 2	10 minutes
	Grade 3	15 minutes
ACTING	Entry	10 minutes
	Grade 1	15 minutes
	Grade 2	15 minutes
	Grade 3	15 minutes
	Grade 4	20 minutes
	Grade 5	20 minutes
	Grade 6	25 minutes
	Grade 7	30 minutes
	Grade 8	30 minutes

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	Grade 1	15 minutes
	Grade 2	15 minutes
	Grade 3	15 minutes
	Grade 4	20 minutes
	Grade 5	20 minutes
	Grade 6	30 minutes
	Grade 7	30 minutes
MUSICAL THEATRE	Grade 8	30 minutes
	Entry	10 minutes
	Grade 1	15 minutes
	Grade 2	15 minutes
	Grade 3	15 minutes
	Grade 4	20 minutes
	Grade 5	20 minutes
	Grade 6	25 minutes
	Grade 7	25 minutes
	Grade 8	30 minutes