

LAMDA Examination Timings

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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 2026

This qualification is replaced by new syllabus from 01 January 2027 *The time of these examinations will reduce by 5 minutes when the new syllabus takes effect

MUSICAL THEATRE	GRADE	Solo	Duo
Notes: <i>All songs must be accompanied. They can be live or recorded. 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 2026

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 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
	Grade 8	30 minutes
MUSICAL THEATRE	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
STORYTELLING GROUP	Entry	10 minutes
	Grade 1	15 minutes
	Grade 2	15 minutes
	Grade 3	15 minutes