

Gold Award 2010-2015

Section A Test 1(b) psalm extracts

Psalm 9 (vv1-9)

- 1 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart :
I will speak of all thy marvellous works.
- 2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee :
yea, my songs will I make of thy Name, O thou most Highest.
- 3 While mine enemies are driven back :
they shall fall and perish at thy presence.
- 4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause :
thou art set in the throne that judgest right.
- 5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly :
thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.
- 6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end :
even as the cities which thou hast destroyed; their memorial is perished with them.
- 7 But the Lord shall endure for ever :
he hath also prepared his seat for judgement.
- 8 For he shall judge the world in righteousness :
and minister true judgement unto the people.
- 9 The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed :
even a refuge in due time of trouble.

Psalm 40(R39) (vv13-21)

- 13 I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth :
from the great congregation.
- 14 Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord :
let thy loving-kindness and thy truth always preserve me.
- 15 For innumerable troubles are come about me;
my sins have taken such hold upon me that I am not able to look up :
yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.
- 16 O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me :
make haste, O Lord, to help me.
- 17 Let them be ashamed, and confounded together, that seek after my soul to destroy it :
let them be driven backward, and put to rebuke, that wish me evil.
- 18 Let them be desolate, and rewarded with shame :
that say unto me, Fie upon thee, fie upon thee.
- 19 Let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee :
and let such as love thy salvation say always, The Lord be praised.
- 20 As for me, I am poor and needy :
but the Lord careth for me.
- 21 Thou art my helper and redeemer :
make no long tarrying, O my God.

Psalm 74(R73) (vv1-9)

- 1 O God, wherefore art thou absent from us so long :
why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture?
- 2 O think upon thy congregation :
whom thou hast purchased, and redeemed of old.
- 3 Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance :
and mount Sion, wherein thou hast dwelt.
- 4 Lift up thy feet, that thou mayest utterly destroy every enemy :
which hath done evil in thy sanctuary.

- 5 Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations :
and set up their banners for tokens.
- 6 He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees :
was known to bring it to an excellent work.
- 7 But now they break down all the carved work thereof :
with axes and hammers.
- 8 They have set fire upon thy holy places :
and have defiled the dwelling-place of thy Name, even unto the ground.
- 9 Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make havock of them altogether :
thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.

Psalm 102(R101) (vv15-22)

- 15 The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord :
and all the kings of the earth thy Majesty;
- 16 When the Lord shall build up Sion :
and when his glory shall appear;
- 17 When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor destitute :
and despiseth not their desire.
- 18 This shall be written for those that come after :
and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.
- 19 For he hath looked down from his sanctuary :
out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth;
- 20 That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity :
and deliver the children appointed unto death;
- 21 That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion :
and his worship at Jerusalem;
- 22 When the people are gathered together :
and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.

Psalm 143(R142) (vv1-8)

- 1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire :
hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.
- 2 And enter not into judgement with thy servant :
for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
- 3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground :
he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.
- 4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me :
and my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works :
yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.
- 6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee :
my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.
- 7 Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint :
hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
- 8 O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust :
shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Notes:

- The text shown in this file is the BCP (Coverdale) translation, but any authorised translation, in English or Latin, may be used in this test.
- At least 2 verses, of the candidate's choice, must be sung unaccompanied.
- The performance of the psalm extract must end with the Gloria Patri.