

In your exam you will be given up to 30 seconds to look through the sight reading test before attempting it. You are allowed to play parts of it before starting.

It is vital that you use the time wisely; rather than just playing through the first few bars.

You check for the following things:

1. key signature
2. time signature
3. look for accidentals
4. look for changes in clef
5. look for ledger lines or big chords that you might need to work out
6. dynamic markings
7. articulation
8. tempo and accels/rits/ralls
9. any other performance directions such as pauses, pedal markings, crossing of hand, phrasing and so on.