

CMSJ Geeta Chanting Yajna – Evaluation Criteria

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Chapter 18 – Part 1

Criteria for Evaluation

Definition of terms

Memory is the ability to chant the specified portion as required by the panel of judges without any break, hesitation or confusion.

Pronunciation is the ability to chant the verses correctly according to the pronunciation rules of Sanskrit.

Note:

Common pronunciation challenges and guidelines for correct pronunciation of Sanskrit Text can be found in the Chanting Guide provided in the website. The audio and hand-out provided on the Chinmaya Mission San Jose website as learning-aids, shall be used as the baseline for pronunciation and text.

Vocabulary Test shall be based on the word list provided in the Vocabulary List for Chapter 18. There are 25 words provided for this chapter. The participants will be asked to give the meaning of the 10 vocabulary words in English.

Presentation refers to clarity and loudness of chanting, or, enunciation, consistency in speed, posture, confidence, sincerity of effort, and devotional attitude.

Note: Tune shall not be a criterion for judgment.

Each participant shall be given a score by the panel of judges, based on how the participant chants. Every participant is required to chant the assigned number of verses as specified in the [verse assignment table](#) below.

Breakdown of points for all groups chanting from memory is listed in the table below.

Memory	Pronunciation	Presentation	Total
30 Points	60 Points	10 Points	100 Points

Breakdown of points for **Kaunteya and Mahabaho**, group reading the verses, is listed in the table below:

Pronunciation	Vocabulary Test	Presentation	Total
60 Points	30 Points	10 Points	100 Points

- 1) Participants will be asked to chant the beginning portion (2 points for pronunciation):

ॐ श्री परमात्मने नमः । अथ अष्टादशोऽध्यायः । मोक्षसंन्यासयोगः ।

om śrī paramātmāne namaḥ | atha aṣṭādaśo'dhyāyaḥ |
mokṣasannyāsayogaḥ |

- 2) Participants in Arjuna and Bharata group will chant all the verses in their categories. Arjuna group will chant all 8 verses and Bharata group will chant all 15 verses. They will end their chanting with the colophon mentioned in #5.
- 3) Participants (except Arjuna and Bharata groups) will then pick a paper-chit which will have 5 verses (which may or may not be continuous). Judges will prompt the participant

with the last half of the previous verse. For example: A lead judge will chant the following portion of the verse:

त्यागो हि पुरुषव्याघ्र त्रिविधः सम्प्रकीर्तितः ।

tyāgo hi puruṣavyāghra trividhaḥ samprakīrtitaḥ ।

Participant will be required to chant the next verse. Then the judge will give another prompt and the participant will chant the next verse. This will continue till the participant has chanted 5 verses.

- 4) Each verse chanted will be worth 11 points for pronunciation (totaling 55 points for 5verses). All groups will chant the following colophon (worth 3 points for pronunciation):

ॐ तत् सत् इति श्रीमद्भगवद्गीतासु उपनिषत्सु ब्रह्मविद्यायां योगशास्त्रे

श्रीकृष्णार्जुनसंवादे मोक्षसंन्यासयोगो नाम अष्टादशोऽध्यायः ।

om tat sat iti śrīmadbhagavadagītāsu upaniṣatsu

brahmavidyāyām yogaśāstre śrīkr̥ṣṇārjunasaṁvāde

mokṣasannyāsayogo nāma aṣṭādaśo'dhyāyaḥ ।

- 5) For Kaunteya and Mahabaho participants, judges will ask meaning of 10 vocabulary words (could be wither way, English-to-Sanskrit and Sanskrit-to-English meanings). Each vocabulary word will be worth 3 points.

Chapter 1 - Verse Assignments for groups

Please note that the participants have to chant the assigned number of verses, based on the applicable group, in order to be evaluated and scored by the judge panel.

Group	Grade	Verse
Arjuna	PreK-KG	1-8
Bhārata	Grades 1-2	1-15
Pārtha	Grades 3-4	1-20
Hrishiksha	Grades 5-6	11-35
Dhananjaya	Grades 7-8	11-35
Keshava	Grades 9-12 (Memory)	11-40
Kaunteya*	Grades 9-12 (Reading)	1-40
Parantapa	Adults – Memory	11-40
Mahābaho*	Adults – Reading	1-40

***Kaunteya and Mahābaho groups will have to memorize meanings of vocabulary words.**