

# CMSJ Geeta Chanting Yajna – Evaluation Criteria

**Date:** April 8, 2023 (Saturday)

**Location:** In-person at Chinmaya Mission San Jose

10160 Clayton Rd, San Jose, CA 95127

## Chapter 3

### Verses 1-43

## 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.

Common pronunciation challenges and guidelines for correct pronunciation of Sanskrit Text can be found in the [Pronunciation Guide](#). The audio and text 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 3. 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 table below.

## 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	Verses
Anagha	Toddler Group (Will not be judged)	1-10 (All verses)
Arjuna	PreK-KG (Memory)	1-10 (All verses)
Bhārata	Grades 1-2 (Memory)	1-16 (All verses)
Pārtha	Grades 3-4 (Memory)	1-25
Hrishikesha	Grades 5-6 (Memory)	1-30
Dhananjaya	Grades 7-8 (Memory)	1-35
Keshava	Grades 9-12 (Memory)	1-35
Kaunteya*	Grades 9-12 (Reading)	1-43
Parantapa	Adults – Memory	1-35
Mahābaho**	Adults – Reading	1-43
Medhaavi***	Grades 1-6 (Memory) (Optional Group - Will not be judged)	1-43

\* Kaunteya group will have to memorize the meanings of vocabulary words.

\*\* Mahābāho group participants shall be required to speak for 3 minutes on any one of the following set of verses:

Set 1: 3.9-3.10

Set 2: 3.34-3.35

Set 3: 3.38-3.39

\*\*\* Medhaavi – Optional additional group for dedicated students. Participants in this group will not be judged.

## Points breakdown

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** group reading the verses, is listed in the table below:

Pronunciation	Vocabulary Test	Presentation	Total
70 Points	25 Points	5 Points	100 Points

Breakdown of points for the **Mahabaho** group reading the verses, is listed in the table below. Participants in this group are expected to explain the meaning of a selected verse in 3 - 5 minutes. Recommended books are 1) "The Holy Geeta," and 2) Shrimad Bhagavad Gita Chapter 3, authored by Swami Chinmayananda

Pronunciation	Explanation of the Verse	Presentation	Total
70 Points	25 Points	5 Points	100 Points

- 1) Participants will be asked to chant the beginning portion (3 points for pronunciation):

ॐ श्रीपरमात्मनेनमः। अथ तृतीयोऽध्यायः। कर्मयोगः।

**om śrīparamātmāne namaḥ | atha tṛtīyo'dhyāyaḥ. | karmayogaḥ. |**

- 2) Participants in the **Arjuna and Bharata group** will chant **ALL** the verses in their categories. Arjuna group will chant all 10 verses and Bharata group will chant all 16 verses. They will end their chanting with the colophon mentioned in #4.
- 3) Judges (except Arjuna and Bharata groups) will then select the next randomly selected verse (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:

न च संन्यसनादेव सिद्धिं समधिगच्छति ॥ ४ ॥

**na ca sannyasanādeva siddhiṁ samadhigacchati ॥4॥**

Participants will be required to chant the next verse (i.e., in the above example, verse 5). 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 5 verses and 5 points for beginning and ending colophon). All groups will chant the following colophon (worth 2 points for pronunciation):

ॐ तत् सत् ।

इति श्रीमद्भगवद्गीतासु उपनिषत्सु ब्रह्मविद्यायाम् योगशास्त्रे

श्रीकृष्णार्जुन संवादे कर्मयोगो नाम तृतीयोऽध्यायः ॥

श्री कृष्णार्पणमस्तु ।

om tat sat ।

iti śrīmadbhagavadgītāsu upaniṣatsu brahmavidyāyām yogaśāstre

Śrīkṛṣṇārjunasaṁvāde karmayogo nāma tṛtīyo'dhyāyaḥ ॥

śrī kṛṣṇārpaṇamastu ।

- 5) For **Kaunteya** participants, judges will ask the meaning of 10 vocabulary words (could be either way, English-to-Sanskrit and Sanskrit-to-English meanings). Each vocabulary word will be worth 3 points. **Mahabaho** participants will explain the meaning of one of the above mentioned verses in 3-5 minutes.
- 6) **Medhaavi** group is an optional group created for students who have memorized all verses of the chapter. Participants in this group will not be judged.