

Criteria for evaluation of participants' performance in Chinmaya Gītā Chanting Yajña

Definition of terms

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

Correctness of Text is to evaluate if the text of the verses being chanted matches the reference hand-out provided by Chinmaya Mission for this event.

Note: The hand-out published in [Chinmaya Mission West webpage](#) shall be used as the baseline for validating text and pronunciation. Common pronunciation challenges and guidelines for correct pronunciation of Sanskrit Text can be found in the Chanting Guide provided in the Reference Documents section of this webpage.

Memory is the ability to chant the specified verses without any break, long pause or hesitation. Note: If a participant is unable to recollect the next quarter or word, he or she can request for a prompt from the judge panel. This however shall be considered as a memory lapse.

Presentation refers to the clarity and loudness of chanting, consistency in speed, confidence, posture, and calm devotional attitude during chanting. Adhering to the respective meter (Chandas/vṛttam) shall also be one of the criteria. The handout provided for the chapter has the verses split in to four quarters, based on the meter.

Note: Tune shall not be a criterion for judgment.

Every participant is required to chant the assigned number of verses as specified in the [verse assignment table](#), in order to be evaluated. Please refer to the [Appendix](#) for expected opening and closing.

Scoring criteria for Preliminary Rounds, also referred to as Regionals are as follows:

Scoring applicable to groups chanting from memory in Regionals (conducted by each Local center)

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

Memory	Pronunciation	Presentation	Total
50 Points	45 Points	5 Points	100 Marks

Scoring Applicable to groups reading from hand-out in the Regionals (conducted by few Local centers)

Breakdown of points for **Kaunteya**, the high school kids group reading the verses, is listed in the table below:

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

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 test shall include multiple choice questions, word puzzles, and one or two free response questions to test the understanding of the meaning of the chapter. This test is applicable only to the High school reading group. This document is published as a Reference document in [Chinmaya Mission West webpage](#).

Each participant in the Regionals Event shall be awarded a final score out of 100 points by the panel of judges, solely based on their performance. **The score awarded by the Judge Panel shall be final.** The actual score will not be shared with the participants. Centers may report a Grade: Excellent Performance, Very Good Performance, Good Performance, etc., based on the score.

Chapter 3 - Verse Assignments for Grades/Groups

Please note the number of verses assigned for every Group and Grade, to participate in this annual event conducted by Chinmaya Mission Centers.

GROUP	GRADE	VERSES ASSIGNED
Kirīṭi	Toddlers, Pre-K	1 - 6
Anagha	KG	1 - 10
Arjuna	Grades 1 - 2	1 - 16
Bhārata	Grades 3 - 4	1 - 25
Pārtha	Grades 5 - 6	1 - 30
Guḍākeśa	Grades 7 - 8	1 - 35
Dhanañjaya	Grades 9 - 12	1 - 35
Medhāvi ☸	Grades 1 - 12	1 - 43
Kaunteya ★	Grades 9 - 12	1 - 43 (READING)
Parantapa	-- (Adults)	1 - 43 (MEMORY)
Mahābāho ★	-- (Adults)	1 - 43 (READING)
<p>★Groups reading the verses, all other groups are required to memorize the verses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school Reading Group (Kaunteya) participants shall be required to take a Vocabulary Test. The questions in this test shall be based on the Vocabulary List published. Please refer to the web page. <p>☸Medhāvi participants will be evaluated as a separate group within their Grade-group.</p>		

Appendix:

- Every participant is required to chant the following **opening**:

ॐ श्रीपरमात्मनेनमः। अथ तृतीयोऽध्यायः। कर्मयोगः ।
om śrīparamātmāne namaḥ. atha tṛtīyo'dhyāyaḥ. karmayogaḥ

- All participants not chanting until the end of the chapter 3, **must conclude** with the partial **closing**:

ॐ तत् सत् । श्रीकृष्णार्पणमस्तु ॥
om tat sat. śrī kṛṣṇārpaṇamastu

- All participants chanting until the end of the chapter 3 (Verse 43), must conclude with the full **closing**:

ॐ तत् सत् । इति श्रीमद्भगवद्गीतासु उपनिषत्सु ब्रह्मविद्यायां योगशास्त्रे श्रीकृष्णार्जुनसंवादे कर्मयोगो नाम
तृतीयोऽध्यायः॥ श्रीकृष्णार्पणमस्तु ॥
om tat sat. iti śrīmadbhagavadgītāsu upaniṣatsu brahmavidyāyāṁ yogasāstre
śrīkṛṣṇārjunasaṁvāde karmayogo nāma tṛtīyo'dhyāyaḥ. śrī kṛṣṇārpaṇamastu