



## CM Sacramento Gita Chanting Yajna - **Chapter 12**

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### Verse Assignments

<i>Group</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Verses</i>
<i>Anagha</i>	<i>Pre-K - K</i>	<i>12.1 - 12.8</i>
<i>Arjuna</i>	<i>Grades 1-2</i>	<i>12.1 - 12.11</i>
<i>Bhārata</i>	<i>Grades 3-4</i>	<i>12.1 - 12.14</i>
<i>Pārtha</i>	<i>Grades 5-6</i>	<i>12.1 - 12.17</i>
<i>Guḍākeśa</i>	<i>Grades 7-8</i>	<i>12.1 - 12.20</i>
<i>Dhananjaya</i>	<i>Grades 9-12</i>	<i>12.1 - 12.20</i>
<i>Kaunteya **</i>	<i>Grades 9-12</i>	<i>12.1 - 12.20</i>
<i>Parantapa</i>	<i>Adults</i>	<i>12.1 - 12.20</i>
<i>Mahābaho***</i>	<i>Adults</i>	<i>12.1 - 12.20</i>

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

ॐ श्रीपरमात्मने नमः। अथ द्वादशोऽध्यायः। भक्ति योगः।

om śrīparamātmāne namaḥ | atha dvadasho'dhyāyaḥ. | bhakti yogaḥ. |

- Participants are to chant the closing colophon as follows:

ॐ तत् सत्  
इति श्रीमद्भगवद्गीतासु-उपनिषत्सु ब्रह्मविद्यायां योगशास्त्रे श्रीकृष्णार्जुन-संवादे  
भक्तियोगो नाम द्वादशोऽध्यायः ॥  
॥ श्री कृष्णार्पणमस्तु।  
om tat sat

iti śrīmadbhagavadgītāsu upaniṣatsu brahmavidyāyāṁ yogaśāstre  
śrīkṛṣṇārjunasaṁvāde bhaktiyogo nāma dvādaśo'dhyāyaḥ ||  
|| śrī kṛṣṇārpaṇamastu |

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

The Vocabulary Test shall be based on the Varaha group vocabulary list. The participants will be asked to give the meaning of 10 vocabulary words: 5 English-to-Sanskrit and 5 Sanskrit-to-English.

\*\* Mahābāho group participants shall be required to speak for 2 - 3 minutes on one of these three verses: 12.8 or 12.12 or 12.15

Please be prepared to speak on all three verses. Judges will select one. Use “The Holy Geeta” by Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda as a resource.

### **Vocabulary Test**

It is a written test based on words from Chapter 12 of the Bhagavad Gita. Vocabulary lists are available at

<https://chinmayamissionwest.com/gita-chanting/>

- Matsya group - Grades 1 - 2
- Kurma group - Grades 3 - 6
- Varaha group - Grades 7 - 12

## 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 West website as learning-aids shall be used as the baseline for pronunciation and text.

<https://chinmayamissionwest.com/gita-chanting/>

Vocabulary Test shall be based on the word list provided in the Vocabulary List for Chapter 12.

**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.

## Points breakdown

**Anagha, Arjuna, Bharata, Partha, Gudakesha, Dhananjaya, Parantapa**  
Breakdown of points for all groups chanting from memory is as below:

<b>Memory</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Total</b>
40 Points	50 Points	10 Points	100 Points

## Kaunteya

Breakdown of points for Kaunteya (reading and oral vocabulary test) is as follows:

<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Vocabulary Test</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Total</b>
70 Points	20 Points	10 Points	100 Points

Each of the 10 vocabulary words (5 English-to-Sanskrit and 5 Sanskrit-to-English meanings) are worth 2 points each.

## Mahabaho

Breakdown of points for the Mahabaho (reading and verse explanation) is listed in the table below.

<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Verse Explanation</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Total</b>
70 Points	20 Points	10 Points	100 Points

The Verse Explanation score is for 20 points.

- Content - 10 points
- Flow - 10 points

## Presentation

The Presentation score will be entered as plus points.

Rubric	Score
❖ Clarity and loudness of chanting	5 - Excellent
❖ Consistency in speed, adherence to the meter	4 - Good
❖ Confidence	3 - Satisfactory
❖ Posture	2 - Approaching
❖ Devotional attitude during chanting	1 - Poor
❖ Opening and Closing at the beginning and end of the Chapter	

**The judges' decision shall be FINAL and no review will be entertained at any level.**

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