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This Syllabus is provided in two tables below, one using British terminology such as crotchets, minims, semitones etc. The other using American terminology such as quarter note, half note, half steps etc. The content for British and American tables are in all other respects the same.

British

Candidates are expected to understand the Areas/Elements covered in the Syllabus content listed below:

Areas	Elements
An Introduction to Rhythm	Beat, pulse and tempo
Note Values and Naming Notes	 Semibreve Minim Crotchet Quaver Semiquaver
Rests	Rest names and lengths for the five values above
Name Equivalents in the American System	Comparing note value names British/American
Time Signatures	 4/4 3/4 2/4
Bar Lines	Adding bar lines in the above time signatures
Beams	Adding beams in the above time signatures
Rhythmic Dictation	 Writing rhythms in 3/4 Writing rhythms in 4/4
Pitch	 The stave Placing notes on the stave
The Treble Clef	Naming and writing notes in the treble clef
The Bass Clef	Naming and writing notes in the bass clef

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American

Candidates are expected to understand the Areas/Elements covered in the Syllabus content listed below:

Key Areas	Key Elements
An Introduction to Rhythm	Beat, pulse and tempo
Note Values and Naming Notes	 Whole note Half note Quarter note Eighth note Sixteenth note
Rests	Rest names and lengths for the five values above
Name Equivalents in the British System	Comparing note value names British/American
Time Signatures	 4/4 3/4 2/4
Bar Lines	Adding bar lines in the above time signatures
Beams	Adding beams in the above time signatures
Rhythmic Dictation	Writing rhythms in 3/4Writing rhythms in 4/4
Pitch	The staffPlacing notes on the staff
The Treble Clef	Naming and writing notes in the treble clef
The Bass Clef	Naming and writing notes in the bass clef