MTB Grade 1 Music Theory



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 all previous grades in addition to the Syllabus content listed below:

Areas	Elements
The Piano Keyboard	Pitch identification
Accidentals	SharpFlatNatural
Notes	TonesSemitones
Key Signatures in Major Keys	Identifying and writing key signatures in C, G, D, & F Majors
Scales	 Tones and semitones in the major scale The C major scale Writing scales in the keys above Hearing errors in major scales
Intervals	Generic - melodic and harmonic intervals using numbers only
Triads	 Chords and triads Writing triads given the root, 3rd or 5th
Musical Terms	Note duration namesTerms and signs





American

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

Areas	Elements
The Piano Keyboard	Pitch identification
Accidentals	SharpFlatNatural
Notes	Whole stepsHalf steps
Key Signatures in Major Keys	Identifying and writing key signatures in C, G, D, & F majors
Scales	 Whole steps and half steps in the major scale Writing scales in the keys above Hearing errors in major scales
Intervals	Generic - melodic and harmonic intervals using numbers only
Triads	 Chords and triads Writing triads given the root, 3rd or 5th
Musical Terms	Note duration namesTerms and signs