## MTB Grade 5 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 Key Areas/Elements covered in all previous grades in addition to the Syllabus content listed below:

Key Areas	Key Elements	
Irregular Time Signatures	• 5/8, 7/8, 5/4, 7/4, 5/16, 7/16	
Irregular Rhythms	<ul><li>Quintuplets</li><li>Sextuplets</li></ul>	<ul><li>Septuplets</li><li>Nontuplets</li></ul>
Rhythmic Dictation	In any time signatures covered in this or previous grades	
Tenor Clef	<ul> <li>Identifying pitches</li> <li>Writing pitches</li> <li>Keyboard pitch identification</li> </ul>	
Intervals	<ul> <li>Naming and writing intervals including those larger than an octave</li> <li>Aural recognition of any interval up to an octave</li> </ul>	
Key Signatures	All major and minor keys and key signatures	
Scales	<ul> <li>Major scales in all keys</li> <li>Minor scales in all keys (natural, harmonic and melodic)</li> <li>Aural recognition of scale types (major and natural/harmonic/melodic minors)</li> </ul>	
Melodies	<ul><li>Aural recognition of errors in written melodies</li><li>Melodic dictation</li></ul>	
Triads	Writing triads in all keys	
Transposition	• Transposing melodies up or down a major 2 <sup>nd</sup> , minor 3 <sup>rd</sup> or perfect 5 <sup>th</sup>	
Musical Terms and Signs	<ul> <li>Including more French/German terms</li> <li>Signs relating to specific instrument types (pizzicato etc.)</li> </ul>	
Instruments and Voices	<ul> <li>General knowledge of instruments of the orchestra and their families</li> <li>General knowledge of the different voice types (soprano, alto etc.)</li> </ul>	





## American

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

Key Areas	Key Elements	
Irregular Time Signatures	• 5/8, 7/8, 5/4, 7/4, 5/16, 7/16	
Irregular Rhythms	<ul> <li>Quintuplets</li> <li>Sextuplets</li> <li>Sextuplets</li> <li>Nontuplets</li> </ul>	
Rhythmic Dictation	In any time signatures covered in this or previous grades	
Tenor Clef	<ul> <li>Identifying pitches</li> <li>Writing pitches</li> <li>Keyboard pitch identification</li> </ul>	
Intervals	<ul> <li>Naming and writing intervals including those larger than an octave</li> <li>Aural recognition of any interval up to an octave</li> </ul>	
Key Signatures	All major and minor keys and key signatures	
Scales	<ul> <li>Major scales in all keys</li> <li>Minor scales in all keys (natural, harmonic and melodic)</li> <li>Aural recognition of scale types (major and natural/harmonic/melodic minors)</li> </ul>	
Melodies	<ul><li>Aural recognition of errors in written melodies</li><li>Melodic dictation</li></ul>	
Triads	Writing triads in all keys	
Transposition	• Transposing melodies up or down a major 2 <sup>nd</sup> , minor 3 <sup>rd</sup> or perfect 5 <sup>th</sup>	
Musical Terms and Signs	Including more French/German terms Signs relating to specific instrument types (pizzicato etc.)	
Instruments and Voices	<ul> <li>General knowledge of instruments of the orchestra and their families</li> <li>General knowledge of the different voice types (soprano, alto etc.)</li> </ul>	