



MUSICEA ARTS
AND CULTURE
COUNCIL

ACOUSTIC GUITAR

SYLLABUS

Grade 4

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Foreword



Welcome to the Musicea Arts and Culture Council

Musicea Arts and Culture Council is a non-profit international educational institution incorporated as a Section 8 Company of the Indian Companies Act, 2013. The primary objective of incorporation is to prepare syllabi, offer qualifications, assist in careers and jobs, recognise, award and honour achievements and promote young candidates in music, dance, theatre, language, arts and sports. Musicea Arts and Culture Council is a college of national and international educators sharing the dream of creating a world-class international institution based in India to provide opportunities, solutions and recognition to both students and teachers.

Musicea Arts and Culture Council offer different international graded levels of graded syllabi and assessment. Several innovative and path-breaking measures implemented by the college council make it inclusive, holistic, and apt for 21st-century music education. The pioneering initiatives are transforming the lives of thousands of educators and students. Musicea Arts and Culture Council initiatives play an active role in developing a nation by assisting millions of aspiring students and teachers. Several initiatives are in place to protect, serve, and empower the teachers and students. Member teachers and students receive a series of direct benefits, honour and advantages from the Musicea Arts and Culture Council. Two of the many pioneering initiatives are students receive Scholarships and teachers receive Pension Benefit Schemes.

Musicea Arts and Culture Council is also committed to preserving, nurturing, and promoting the rich heritage and traditions of Indian and World Music and the Arts. The syllabi are refreshing and educational. All aspects of the syllabi are in sequential order concerning the academic merit underlying each requirement. The selection of pieces and songs is a meticulous and progressive process. Breaking from the narrow-based idea of a fixed book for examination, Musicea Arts and Culture Council broadens the scope of learning and performing by prescribing a suggestive list of all-time favourite pieces and songs. Education is beyond the scope of one book and format. 21st-century learning demands a fun-filled, open and broad-spectrum far beyond forced education. The Free Choice option allows a candidate to perform pre-approved self-composition or arrangement. Modern subjects encourage a candidate to embellish and improvise. The Musicianship is a pioneering inclusion that makes the examination more interesting. Musicea Arts and Culture Council have been at the forefront in preserving, nurturing and promoting music and the arts.

Musicea Arts and Culture Council Qualification

Musicea Arts and Culture Council qualifications are comprehensive and cater for those interested academically or as a performer. The lists contain works ranging from early times to up-to-date contemporary examples, plus own choice options.

All works are carefully selected and sequentially graded. Teachers preparing students for Musicea Arts and Culture Council qualifications will have a clear and detailed outline to develop their lessons. Musicea Arts and Culture Council qualification make provision for different abilities and provide a goal for candidates. Examination reports reflect a reliable assessment of progress and, by comments and marks, assist individual development. However, there are many ways to improve the skills and, candidates should look beyond the scope of only assessment-related studies.

In each Musicea syllabus, teachers will find the requisites of a training system for their students through the different Levels and Grades. The aim is to encourage personal development in music and dance in each individual. It is the wish of the Musicea to support teachers and their students in developing their skills, acquisition of knowledge and enhanced self-confidence according to age and experience, not to discourage and set impossible or unrealistic standards.

Examination Module

Musicea offers a diverse range of examination modules. A candidate is free to select any of the examination modules according to their choice, objective and strength. A candidate may or may not switch the examination module in the next higher level or grade examination. Followings are the examination module:

- Online and Physical candidates may choose to appear for either Musicea Regular or Musicea Recital examination.
- For the Musicea Recital examination, a candidate (both Online and Physical) will perform FIVE pieces or songs.
- Musicea Regular examination for Online and Physical is slightly different.
 - For Musicea Regular Online examination, a candidate should prepare THREE pieces or songs, Technical Exercise, Study, and Musical Knowledge.
 - For Musicea Regular Physical examination, a candidate should prepare THREE pieces or songs, Technical Exercise, Musicianship or Study, and Musical Knowledge.

Musicea Arts and Culture Council offer several unique, pioneering and groundbreaking services. Musicea Arts and Culture Council offer **scholarships** to examination candidates. The feature of the scholarship is a historical first offered by Musicea Arts and Culture Council.

Musicea Arts and Culture Council, a pioneer for Online Music Exams are offering online services since 2018. Musicea offers both Live Stream Exams and Recorded Exams. Musicea realised the future of digital services and online education back in 2017 and began digital internet-based offerings and online music exams. Musicea is a pioneer for online graded music exams and the monthly online digital concert, Musicea Yuva Festival.

Acoustic Guitar

Syllabus, January 2022

Grade 4

Performance

From the prescribed list, select pieces by different composers or from the same standard pieces by reputed publishers or one pre-approved self-composition. Do **not** select more than one piece by one composer.

The duration of each piece should not exceed three minutes and thirty seconds.

Greensleeves	Anonymous	Suzuki Guitar School Vol. 3
Packington's Pound	Anonymous	Suzuki Guitar School Vol. 3
Ghiribizzo	N. Paganini	Suzuki Guitar School Vol. 3
Excursion	M. Carcassi	GMG 4
The Golden Wedding	G. Marie	GMG 4
Gypsy Rondo	J. Haydn	GMG 4
Rondo	I. Pleyal	GMG 4
Minueto from Op.25	F. Sor	GMG 4
Crazy Little Thing called Love	F. Mercury	Guitar Play Along, Queen

Publisher

Guitar Play Along, Queen, Vol. 112, Hal Leonard

Modern Guitar Method Grade, Mel Bay is mentioned as GMG, GMG 4 ISBN 9780871663634

Performance Option

For the Recital examination, a candidate needs to perform two solos and three accompanied items.

For the Regular examination, a candidate needs to perform one solo and two accompanied items.

Accompaniment

1. A guitar duet
2. With backing track
3. Guitar or Keyboard accompaniment

Musicianship

Test 1. Clapping:

The examiner will display a four bar rhythm in simple or compound time, and the candidate is expected to slowly clap the rhythm with a steady pulse. Semiquaver beats and rests are introduced. In addition to the rhythmic patterns of the previous grades, an anacrusis may be added. For example:



Test 2. Aural Intervals:

The examiner will play two notes, first separately and then together. The candidate is expected to recognize whether the interval is a second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth or an octave. The examiner will ask two set of aural intervals. For example:



Test 3. Chords:

The examiner will play a chord twice, and the candidate is expected to tell the examiner whether it is major or minor. For example:



Test 4. Echo Clap:

The examiner will clap a short rhythm (four bars) in simple time, and the candidate is expected to clap the rhythm pattern back to the examiner. For example:



Test 5. Sight Playing:

The examiner will give half a minute to look at a passage (four bars) in the keys of G major, F major, D major, or A major. In that time, the candidate may play parts of the passage. After that, the examiner will ask to play the passage. For example:



Study

A candidate may select a technically challenging etude, exercise, piece, or song as Study. The length (the number of bars) of the Study will be equal, a little more but no less than the pieces or songs performed. As a general guideline, the standard of a Study will be that of a piece or song one level or a grade higher. A candidate may select the Study from the prescribed list of pieces or songs one level or a grade higher. The duration of the piece should not exceed three minutes and thirty seconds.

Musical Knowledge

The examiner will ask the candidate questions on the following aspects from the list of performed pieces (excluding study list, if any).

The examiner will ask **four questions** on the following aspects. The questions include knowledge of the previous grades. The following are add-ons.

- Syncopation
- Metronome speed
- Key changes (if any)

For example:

Question: Explain the metronome speed of this piece. What is the meaning of MM?

Example answer: Ninety crotchet beats in a minute. MM stands for Maelzel's metronome.

Question: Point to and name a key change in this piece. (This will be asked only if the change occurs at the start of a new section or at a very obvious place in the piece).

Example answer: The key changes from C to G (showing the point).

Question: How many quaver triplets make one bar of common time?

Example answer: Twelve quavers.

Acoustic Guitar Skill Guide

The criteria include skill of the previous grades. The following are add-ons:

- Finger picking and strumming
- Dynamics and articulation
- Fifth chords and intervals
- Six eight time signature
- Dropped D tuning
- Solo arrangements and improvisations

Additional Repertoire

In the Hall of the Mountain King	E. Grieg	GMG 4
Susan Lynn	M. Carcassi	GMG 4
Kreutzer's Etude	R. Kreutzer	GMG 4
Minuetto from Op. 48	I. Pleyel	GMG 4
Norwegian Dance Op.35	E. Grieg	GMG 4
You Shook me all Night Long	AC/DC	sheetmusicdirect.com HL 00702267
Walk, Don't Run	The Ventures	sheetmusicdirect.com Ref. 28451
Message in a Bottle	The Police	sheetmusicdirect.com Ref. 39809
The Thrill is Gone	R. Darnell & R.Hawkins	sheetmusicdirect.com Ref. 20114
Can't Help Falling in Love	H. Peretti & others	sheetmusicdirect.com Ref. 173318