



MUSICEA ARTS  
AND CULTURE  
COUNCIL

# POPULAR VOCAL ENGLISH

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.

## Popular Vocal English

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### Performance

A candidate may use live accompaniment or may sing with a karaoke track. The duration of each song should not exceed three minutes and thirty seconds.

From the prescribed list, select songs by different composers or from the same standard songs from different sources. Do **not** select more than one song by one composer.

Prescribed Songs with Performers

#### Male

Hello	Lionel Richie
Strangers In The Night	Frank Sinatra
Hey Jude	The Beatles
All Of Me	John Legend
Tears In Heaven	Eric Clapton
House Of The Rising Sun	Animals

#### Female

Dancing Queen	ABBA
Wouldn't It Be Lovely	My Fair Lady
Roar	Kety Perry
Those Were The Days	Mary Hopkin
Whenever, Wherever	Shakira
Genie in a Bottle	Christina Aguilera

## Technical Exercise

Perform the Technical Exercise section from memory. Tempo markings are suggestive. A candidate may sing a little slower or faster. Perform the Technical Exercise using any Sol-Fa Syllables (Do, Re, Mi) or any consonant or vowel sound(s) (Ex. 'aa', 'ee', 'oh') **in legato**. Technical Exercise may be transposed to suit the range of the candidate's voice. Attempt to sing each note evenly in time, with clarity and precision.

For Physical Examination, the examiner will play the Key Chord. For Online Examination, the candidate may use any gadget or use a Keyboard or Guitar (played by the teacher or accompanist).

### 1. Scale

Tempo: MM ♩ = 108 (two quavers)

Major: C, D, E, F, G, A, B	1 octave	ascending and descending
Minor: Cm, Dm, Em, Fm, Gm, Am, Bm (harmonic and natural)	1 octave	in one breath (without break)

Chromatic Scale		
C, D, E, G, B	1 octave	ascending or descending (separately)

For example: ascending



For example: descending

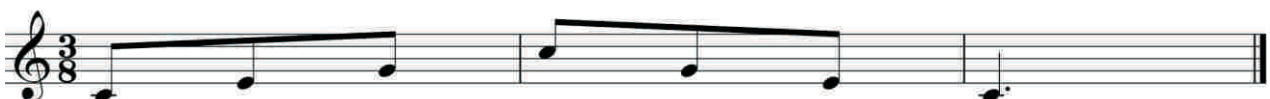


### 2. Arpeggio

Tempo: MM ♩ = 72 (three notes in one beat)

Major: C, D, E, F, G, A	1 octave	in one breath (without break)
Minor: Cm, Dm, Em, Fm, Gm, Am		

For example: major



For example: minor



### 3. Interval

Interval no.: major 2nd, minor 3rd, major 3rd, perfect 4th, perfect 5th, perfect 8th

For example:



The image shows a musical staff in 4/4 time with a treble clef. It contains six measures, each illustrating a different interval starting from the note C4 (middle C). The intervals are: major 2nd (C4 to D4), minor 3rd (C4 to B3), major 3rd (C4 to E4), perfect 4th (C4 to F4), perfect 5th (C4 to G4), and perfect 8th (C4 to C5). The notes are written as quarter notes.

major 2nd      minor 3rd      major 3rd      perfect 4th      perfect 5th      perfect 8th

#### Kindly note:

All examples of major are shown in C major.

All examples of minor are shown in A minor.

## 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:



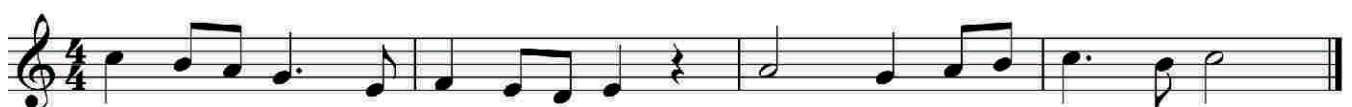
### Test 4. Echo Clap:

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 Singing:

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



## Study

A candidate may choose an unaccompanied folk song. The duration of the song should not exceed three minutes and thirty seconds.

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.

## Musical Knowledge

The examiner will ask the candidate questions on the following aspects from the list of performed songs (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 and anacrusis
- Metronome speed
- Key changes (if any)

For example:

Question: What is syncopation?

Example answer: Syncopation is displacing the beats or accents in (music or a rhythm) so that strong beats become weak and vice versa.

Question: What is an anacrusis?

Example answer: An anacrusis is one or more unstressed notes before the first bar line of a song or passage.

Question: Tell the tempo of the second song.

Example answer: 140 crotchet beats in a minute.

Question: Tell the tonic key of the third song and to which key the song modulated?

Example answer: The tonic key is F major and the song modulated to C major.



## Vocal Skill Guide

A candidate will demonstrate the followings:

- Appropriate posture with a comfortable and well-balanced stance
- Further development of clear formation of vowels and articulation of consonants
- Further development of management of breath flow
- Accurate and fluent performance of songs
- Further development of awareness of underlying pulse in the songs
- Further development of the ability to sing in the range mp – f without forcing the tone
- Developing awareness of appropriate style and phrasing
- Awareness of the expressive interpretation of music and text
- Further development of characterisation
- Further development of movement or dance within the context of the song (where appropriate)