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GUITAR LESSONS by Daniel

GRADE 1 EXAM THEORY NOTES

PART1: The Note Circle



Explanation

- This is the wheel of musical notes that moves the music.
- The <u>natural notes</u> are **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**, **E**, **F**, **G**
- The accidental notes are the **#** (sharp) and \flat (flat)
- As we move from A going to G, the notes get **higher in pitch**
- The gap between **2 NATURAL NOTES** is a **TONE**
- SEMITONES occur only between **B-C** and **E-F**

For the Exam

You must be able to:

- 1. Draw the circle correctly.
- 2. Explain the note circle well.
- 3. List different Tones and Semitones.

PART2: Tones And Semitones

Overview

- A tone is a **WHOLE STEP** - such as **A-B, C-D, D-E**
- A semitone a HALF STEP
 such as B-C, E-F, A-A#, C-C#, D-D#
- There is no accidentals between **B-C** and **E-F** natural notes

Tones & Semitones on the guitar neck

- When playing a single string on the guitar a semitone is simple moving to the next fret.
- A tone is simply moving 2 frets up or down the guitar neck





For the Exam

You must be able to:

- 1. Define tones and semitones.
- 2. List all tones.
- 3. List all semitones.
- 4. Identify tones and semitones on the guitar fretboard.

PART3: Open String Notes Names & Fret Note Names

Open String Note Names



Fret Note Names



For the Exam

You must be able to:

- 1. Name the 6 strings in their order correctly.
- 2. Name all the string notes till fret 5.
- 3. Fill in the missing names.

PART4: The Treble Clef Stave

The diagram below is an example of music notation using the **treble clef stave** that 6-string guitars use:



For the Exam

You must be able to:

- 1. Name the Stave correctly
- 2. Draw the Stave correctly
- 3. Draw the Treble Clef correctly starting from the 2nd line
- 4. Identify and draw the up and down strokes correctly

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