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# Introduction

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The product range contains a number of features to help you in the study process. They include:

- a detailed explanation of all syllabus areas
- extensive 'practical' materials
- generous question practice, together with full solutions.

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- **Question practice.** The text contains exam-style objective test questions (OTQs).
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