ENGLAND GCSE MUSIC AQA · UNIT 1 · 10 QUESTIONS

Musical Elements and Language — Practice Test

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1 **A microphone records a melody that moves mainly by step. What word describes this melody?**

- A Conjunct
- B Disjunct
- C Polyphonic
- D Syncopated

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2 **A saxophone plays a tune in a major key. How does a major key often sound?**

- A Empty, in some situations
- B Bright
- C Sad
- D Dark

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3 **What is a glissando?**

- A A slow fall in tempo
- B A repeated note played softly
- C A rapid slide up or down in pitch
- D A sudden change from loud to quiet

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4 **What is an interrupted cadence?**

A Chord five moving to chord six

B Chord four moving to chord one

C Chord one moving to chord four

D Chord five moving to chord one

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5 **What does ritardando mean?**

A Gradually getting louder

B Suddenly getting much faster

C Gradually getting slower

D Gradually getting faster

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6 **What does the top number of a time signature tell the player?**

- A How loud the piece is played, in some situations
- B Which key the piece is in
- C How many beats are in each bar
- D How fast the piece is played

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7 **What is a major key?**

- A A key that changes every bar
- B A key with no sharps or flats
- C A key based on a minor scale
- D A key based on a major scale

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8 **What is a melodic interval?**

- A The speed of a melody
- B The loudness of a single note
- C The distance in pitch between two notes
- D The distance in time between two beats, in some situations

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9 **What share of the GCSE is Component 1 worth?**

- A Thirty per cent
- B Twenty per cent
- C Fifty per cent
- D Forty per cent

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10 **What is sonata form?**

A Exposition, coda and introduction, in some situations

B Verse, chorus and bridge

C Exposition, development and recapitulation

D Introduction, verse and chorus

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. A
5. C
6. C
7. D
8. C
9. D
10. C

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