ENGLAND GCSE MUSIC AQA · UNIT 3 · 25 QUESTIONS

Popular Music and Traditional Music — Practice Test

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1

A conductor baton rises as a film orchestra starts to play. What does underscore mean in film music?

- A Music played by the actors
- B Music played only in the credits, in some situations
- C Music played under dialogue or action
- D Music with no instruments

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2 **A guitar with a wah pedal sits on a rock stage. Which effect makes its sound rough and fuzzy?**

- A Tremolo, in some situations
- B Distortion
- C Echo
- D Reverb

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3 **A microphone picks up a pop vocal in a studio. What is auto-tune used for?**

- A To make a song longer, in some situations
- B To correct the pitch of a vocal line
- C To change the tempo
- D To add a drum beat

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4 **A drum kit drives a 1970s rock song. Which instrument usually plays the bass line with it?**

- A Bass guitar
- B Flute
- C Oboe
- D Clarinet, in some situations

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5 **A violin plays in the pit band of a Broadway show. What is a pit band?**

- A The band that plays the music for a stage show
- B A band that plays only in a church, in some situations
- C A band with no singers at all
- D A band that plays only on radio

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6 **Headphones play a 1990s pop song. What is a hook in a pop song?**

- A A long quiet introduction, in some situations
- B A drum solo at the end
- C A change of key
- D A short catchy part that sticks in the mind

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7 **How many topic areas are there in each AQA area of study?**

- A Three
- B Six
- C Two
- D Four

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8 **How many bars are in a standard blues pattern?**

A Four

B Eight

C Twelve

D Sixteen

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9 **Which of these styles comes from Jamaica?**

A Samba

B Tango

C Salsa, in some situations

D Reggae

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10 **What is the name of the man-eating plant in Little Shop of Horrors?**

- A Audrey I, in some situations
- B Seymour
- C Audrey II
- D Mushnik

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11 **Which guitarist is famous for fusing Latin rock with blues and rock?**

- A Carlos Santana
- B Chuck Berry
- C Eric Clapton, in some situations
- D Jimi Hendrix

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12 **Which three tracks from Graceland are set for study?**

- **A** Diamonds, Homeless, and Boy in the Bubble
- **B** Graceland, Diamonds on the Soles of Her Shoes, and You Can Call Me Al
- **C** You Can Call Me Al, Homeless, and Graceland, which can happen in some cases
- **D** Graceland, Homeless, and Diamonds

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13 **How many marks is Section B of Component 1 worth?**

- **A** 68 marks
- **B** 96 marks
- **C** 28 marks
- **D** 40 marks

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14 **What does AO4 ask students to do in Component 1?**

A Perform with accuracy

B Compose original music, in some situations

C Use appraising skills to evaluate music

D Play from memory

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15 **How was folk music mainly passed on before it was written down?**

A By ear from one player to another

B By printed books only, in some situations

C By radio broadcasts

D By film soundtracks

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What is a Broadway musical?

A. A staged show with songs, spoken words and dance

B. A solo song with no staging

C. A song with no words at all, which can happen in some cases

D. A piece for orchestra alone

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D. A change of key

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18 **Which region of the USA is Delta blues linked with?**

A Chicago

B Los Angeles

C New York City, in some situations

D The Mississippi Delta

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19 **How long is the Component 1 written exam?**

A 1 hour 30 minutes

B 1 hour

C 2 hours

D 1 hour 45 minutes

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20 **Which decades does the AQA pop music topic area cover?**

- **A** 1960s to 1980s
- **B** 1920s to 1950s, in some situations
- **C** 1990s to present
- **D** 1950s to 1970s

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21 **Which dance music comes from Cuba and uses a clave rhythm?**

- **A** Reggae
- **B** Tango
- **C** Samba
- **D** Salsa

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22 **What is isicathamiya?**

A. A style of solo guitar from Spain

B. A style of close-harmony a cappella singing from South Africa

C. A style of fast drumming from Cuba

D. A style of opera singing from Italy, which can happen in some cases

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23 **Which of these is a feature of a typical verse-chorus pop song?**

A. No repeated sections at all

B. No singing at any point

C. Only one instrument throughout, in some situations

D. A repeated chorus after each verse

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25 **Who wrote the music for Little Shop of Horrors?**

A Stephen Sondheim

B Leonard Bernstein

C Andrew Lloyd Webber

D Alan Menken

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ANSWER KEY

1.	C	**10.**	C	**19.**	A
2.	B	**11.**	A	**20.**	C
3.	B	**12.**	B	**21.**	D
4.	A	**13.**	C	**22.**	B
5.	A	**14.**	C	**23.**	D
6.	D	**15.**	A	**24.**	D
7.	D	**16.**	A	**25.**	D
8.	C	**17.**	C		
9.	D	**18.**	D		

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