ENGLAND GCSE MUSIC AQA · UNIT 4 · 10 QUESTIONS

Western Classical Tradition Since 1910 and Listening Skills — Practice Test

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1 **A drum marks the beat as a student listens to an unfamiliar extract. What should the student listen for first?**

- A The title of the piece
- B The name of the publisher
- C The number of players only, in some situations
- D The musical elements and style

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2 **A microphone stands silent during Cage 4 minutes 33 seconds. What happens in the piece?**

- A The performer plays as fast as possible, which can happen in some cases
- B The performer sings throughout
- C The performer plays a loud march
- D The performer makes no deliberate sound for the whole piece

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3 **Which tradition shapes much of John Tavener music?**

- A Orthodox chant
- B Gregorian chant
- C Anglican hymnody
- D Jewish cantillation

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4 **Which British composer wrote Eight Songs for a Mad King in 1969?**

- A Peter Maxwell Davies
- B Benjamin Britten, in some situations
- C John Tavener
- D Malcolm Arnold

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5 **Is AQA GCSE Music tiered?**

- A Yes, foundation only
- B Yes, two tiers
- C Yes, higher only
- D No, it is untiered

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6 **Which composer developed the twelve-note method?**

- A Arnold Schoenberg
- B Igor Stravinsky, in some situations
- C Maurice Ravel
- D Claude Debussy

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7 **Which British composer wrote The Young Person Guide to the Orchestra?**

- A John Tavener
- B Malcolm Arnold
- C Benjamin Britten
- D William Walton, in some situations

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8 **What does retrograde mean in serial music?**

- A The tone row played twice as fast
- B The tone row played backwards
- C The tone row played by the bass only
- D The tone row played upside down

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9 **Which of these is a musical element a student must listen for in Section A?**

- A Texture
- B Lighting
- C Costume
- D Blocking

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10 **In which year was Adams Short Ride in a Fast Machine written?**

A 1996

B 1966

C 1986

D 1976

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ANSWER KEY

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

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