ENGLAND GCSE MUSIC EDEXCEL · UNIT 1 · 25 QUESTIONS

Musical Elements, Contexts and Language — Practice Test

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A microphone stands in a recording studio. What does timbre describe?

A The key of the music

B The distinctive sound quality of an instrument or voice

C The speed of the music

D The volume of the music, which is one possibility in some situations

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2 **A saxophone stands in a music room. Which family does the saxophone belong to?**

- A Woodwind
- B Strings
- C Percussion
- D Brass

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3 **Headphones rest on a desk beside a laptop. What is pitch in music?**

- A How loud a note is
- B How high or low a note sounds
- C How fast the music is
- D How long a note lasts

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4 **A conductor baton rests on a shelf beside a score. What does allegro mean as a tempo marking?**

- A At a walking pace
- B Fast and lively
- C Very fast and rushed
- D Very slow

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5 **A guitar leans against a chair in a music room. Which family does the guitar belong to?**

- A Woodwind
- B Percussion
- C Strings
- D Brass

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6 **A music stand stands in a school hall. What is musical notation?**

- A Written symbols that show pitch, rhythm and other details
- B A list of ticket prices
- C A description of a venue, which is one possibility in some situations
- D A recording of a concert

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7 **What does fortissimo mean as a dynamic?**

- A Moderately loud
- B Very loud
- C Very quiet
- D Moderately quiet

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8 **Which family does the drum belong to?**

A Woodwind, in some situations

B Percussion

C Strings

D Brass

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9 **How many of the eight set works are asked about in Section A Questions 1 to 6?**

A Four

B Six

C Two

D Eight

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10 **What does repetition do in a structure?**

- A It removes the melody, which can happen in some cases
- B It makes a musical idea familiar to the listener
- C It changes the tempo
- D It changes the key

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11 **Which family does the trumpet belong to?**

- A Woodwind
- B Strings
- C Brass
- D Percussion

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12 **Which components of Edexcel GCSE Music are non-examination assessment?**

- A Components 1 and 2
- B Components 1 and 3
- C Components 2 and 3
- D Component 3 only

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13 **What does AO4 mean in Edexcel GCSE Music?**

- A Compose original music, in some situations
- B Use appraising skills to evaluate music
- C Perform with accuracy
- D Sing in tune

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14 What is tonality?

- A How fast the music is
- B Whether music is in a major, minor or modal key
- C How loud the music is
- D How many players there are, which can happen in some cases

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15 What is cultural context in music?

- A The length of a song
- B The size of an orchestra
- C The beliefs, customs and traditions around the music
- D The cost of an instrument, which can happen in some cases

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16 **What is technological context in music?**

A The instruments and recording technology available at the time

B The ticket price of a concert, which is one possibility in some situations

C The size of the audience

D The clothes worn by players

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17 **What is a perfect cadence?**

A Chord I to chord V

B Chord V to chord I, sounding finished

C Chord V to chord VI, in some situations

D Chord IV to chord I

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18 **What does andante mean as a tempo marking?**

A Very fast

B At a walking pace

C Very slow

D Fast and lively, in some situations

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19 **What is an ostinato?**

A A pattern played once only, in some situations

B A sudden change of tempo

C A short pattern repeated many times

D A sudden change of key

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20 **Must candidates answer all questions in Component 3?**

- A No, any eight
- B Yes, all questions
- C No, Section B only
- D No, any six

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21 **What is a chord?**

- A A single note alone
- B A change of tempo
- C A melody with no harmony, in some situations
- D Two or more notes sounded together

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22 **What does accelerando mean?**

A Getting gradually louder

B Getting gradually faster

C Getting gradually quieter

D Getting gradually slower

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23 **What is a triplet?**

A Four notes played in the time of three

B Three notes played in the time of two

C One note held for three beats

D Two notes played in the time of three

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What is monophonic texture?

A Two lines in canon

B A melody with chords below it

C A single line of music with no accompaniment

D Several independent lines at once, in some situations

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What does chromatic mean in music?

A Using notes outside the key

B Playing very loudly

C Playing in unison

D Using only notes of the key

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ANSWER KEY

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

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