ENGLAND GCSE MUSIC EDEXCEL · UNIT 2 · 25 QUESTIONS

Instrumental Music 1700-1820 and Vocal Music — Practice Test

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1 **A trumpet shines on a shelf in a music room. In which year was J S Bach born?**

- A 1700
- B 1685
- C 1750
- D 1650

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2 **A microphone stands in a recording studio. How are the vocal harmonies in Killer Queen made?**

- A By using a choir
- B By singing in unison only, in some situations
- C By using a synthesiser
- D By multi-tracking the voices

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3 **A music stand stands in a school hall. In which key is the third movement of the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5?**

- A G major
- B D minor
- C D major
- D A major

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4 **Sheet music is open on a music stand. Which form is the first movement of the Pathetique Sonata in?**

- A Sonata form
- B Binary form
- C Rondo form
- D Ternary form

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5 **A guitar leans against a wall in a practice room. What does Brian May do in the guitar solo of Killer Queen?**

- A Plays the piano instead
- B Stops playing altogether
- C Plays multi-tracked guitar parts
- D Plays a single unaccompanied note

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6 **A drum waits on a stage. How many movements does the Pathetique Sonata have?**

- A Two
- B Three
- C Four
- D Five, in some situations

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7 **Which Brandenburg Concerto is an Edexcel set work?**

- A No. 4
- B No. 5
- C No. 3
- D No. 10

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8 **In which year did Queen form?**

A 1970

B 1975

C 1965

D 1980

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9 **In which year was Killer Queen released?**

A 1980

B 1971

C 1977

D 1974

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10 **What tempo marking is given for the third movement of the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5?**

- A Andante
- B Largo
- C Allegro
- D Adagio

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11 **Which feature is typical of Baroque melody in the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5?**

- A Ornamented melodic lines
- B Spoken words only
- C No melody at all
- D Plain unadorned lines only

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12 **From which period is the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5?**

A Renaissance

B Classical

C Baroque

D Romantic

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13 **What is basso continuo?**

A A drum keeping the beat

B A bass line played with keyboard accompaniment

C A solo voice with no accompaniment, in some situations

D A choir singing in unison

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14 **What happens just before the recapitulation in the first movement of the Pathetique Sonata?**

- A The Grave opening returns
- B A new theme appears
- C The music stops completely
- D A choir enters

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15 **Which country was Beethoven from?**

- A Germany
- B France
- C Italy
- D Austria

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16 **In which year was Henry Purcell born?**

A 1659

B 1699

C 1639

D 1679

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17 **What happens to the ground bass across the verses of Music for a While?**

A It is played by a choir

B It stops after verse one

C It repeats unchanged under new vocal lines

D It changes key each verse, in some situations

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18 **Which older popular style influences Killer Queen?**

A Country, in some situations

B Folk

C Reggae

D Music hall

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19 **Who is the Killer Queen in the lyrics?**

A A queen of England, in some situations

B A film star

C A racing driver

D A sophisticated high-class woman

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20 **Which area of study includes Killer Queen?**

A Music for Stage and Screen

B Vocal Music

C Instrumental Music 1700-1820

D Fusions

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21 **How many set works are there in each area of study?**

A One

B Four

C Three

D Two

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22 **In which year was J S Bach born?**

A 1700

B 1750

C 1685

D 1650

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23 **What performs the melody in Music for a While?**

A A solo voice

B A string quartet

C A full choir

D A solo trumpet

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24 **What does terraced dynamics mean in Baroque music?**

A Sudden changes between loud and quiet

B Changes in tempo only

C No changes in volume

D Gradual changes in volume, in some situations

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25 **Who wrote Killer Queen?**

A Roger Taylor, in some situations

B Freddie Mercury

C Brian May

D John Deacon

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ANSWER KEY

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

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