ENGLAND GCSE MUSIC EDEXCEL · UNIT 4 · 25 QUESTIONS

Fusions and Unfamiliar Listening — Practice Test

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A drum waits on a stage. What is a bodhran?

- A An Irish frame drum played with a beater
- B A Scottish bagpipe
- C An Indian sitar
- D A West African harp lute, in some situations

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2 **A guitar leans against a wall in a practice room. What does Esperanza Spalding do on this track?**

- A Sings with no instrument, in some situations
- B Sings and plays the acoustic bass guitar
- C Conducts the orchestra
- D Plays the drums only

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3 **A piano stands in a rehearsal room. In which year was the album Volume 2: Release released?**

- A 1996
- B 1999
- C 2003
- D 1995

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4 **A microphone stands in a recording studio. Who wrote the lyrics to Release?**

- A Simon Emmerson, in some situations
- B Sinead O'Connor
- C Peter Gabriel
- D Jo Bruce

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5 **A vinyl record sits on a record player. On which album did Esperanza Spalding release her version of Samba em Preludio?**

- A Esperanza
- B Chamber Music Society
- C Junjo
- D Radio Music Society

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A conductor baton rests on a shelf beside a score. What does appraising mean in Component 3?

- A Performing music from memory, in some situations
- B Singing in tune
- C Evaluating music with musical vocabulary
- D Composing a new piece

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What happens to the tempo at bar 19 of Samba em Preludio?

- A It halves
- B It almost doubles as the bossa nova rhythm begins
- C It stops completely, which can happen in some cases
- D It stays the same

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Why is the tonic chord played before the dictation?

- A To test the tuning of the piano, in some situations
- B To establish the key of the melody
- C To fill the silence
- D To warm up the singers

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What does fusion mean in music?

- A Combining styles from different cultures into a new sound
- B Playing one style only
- C Singing without instruments, which can happen in some cases
- D Copying a single recording

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10 **Why does Edexcel suggest wider listening pieces?**

- A To replace the set works, which can happen in some cases
- B To test memory only
- C To fill time in lessons
- D To hear more examples of each area of study style

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11 **Which style best describes Spalding's Samba em Preludio?**

- A Salsa
- B Bossa nova
- C Tango
- D Samba only

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12 **What is the final chord of Samba em Preludio?**

- A B major
- B E major
- C B minor triad only
- D B minor 13

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13 **Who wrote the lyrics to Release?**

- A Simon Emmerson, in some situations
- B Jo Bruce
- C Peter Gabriel
- D Sinead O'Connor

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14 **What is played before the dictation extract to help candidates?**

- A Nothing at all
- B The full orchestra
- C The tonic chord and the pulse
- D A different melody, in some situations

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15 **Who plays the acoustic guitar on Spalding's Samba em Preludio?**

- A Paco de Lucia
- B John McLaughlin
- C Baden Powell
- D Nino Josele

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16 **What is a skeleton score in Question 8?**

- A A score with some notes left out
- B A score with no bar lines
- C A score with no notes at all
- D A score for one instrument only, in some situations

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17 **In which year was Afro Celt Sound System formed?**

- A 1995
- B 1999
- C 1985
- D 2005

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18 **What are the lyrics of Samba em Preludio about?**

A Sadness at losing a loved one

B A battle between kings

C A journey across the sea, in some situations

D Joy at winning a prize

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19 **What does Samba em Preludio mean?**

A Samba with no singing

B Samba in the key of E

C Samba for dancing only, in some situations

D Samba in the style of a prelude

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20 **For which award was Afro Celt Sound System nominated in 2000?**

A Best Rock Album

B Best New Artist

C Album of the Year, which can happen in some cases

D Best World Music Album at the Grammy Awards

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21 **Which time signature is Samba em Preludio mostly in?**

A 3/4

B 6/8

C 4/4

D 12/8

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22 **Which artist performs Samba em Preludio?**

- A Esperanza Spalding
- B Sergio Mendes, in some situations
- C Joao Gilberto
- D Baden Powell

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23 **What is a pedal note?**

- A A note played by the feet only
- B A short sharp note
- C A long held note in the bass
- D A note with no pitch

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24 **On which album does Release appear?**

A Volume 3: Further in Time

B Volume 2: Release

C Volume 5: Anatomic

D Volume 1: Sound Magic

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25 **In which year was the album Volume 2: Release released?**

A 1995

B 1996

C 1999

D 2003

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ANSWER KEY

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

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