ENGLAND GCSE MUSIC EDEXCEL · FINAL EXAM · 50 QUESTIONS

Final Exam — Practice Test

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1

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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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 **Headphones rest on a desk beside a laptop. What is the full title of the Star Wars set work?**

- A Main Title and Cantina Band
- B Main Title and Imperial March
- C Main Title and Duel of the Fates, in some situations
- D Main Title and Rebel Blockade Runner

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4 **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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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 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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7 **A microphone stands in a recording studio. Who sang Glinda on the original Broadway cast recording of Defying Gravity?**

- A Judy Garland
- B Idina Menzel
- C Liza Minnelli, in some situations
- D Kristin Chenoweth

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8 **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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9 **Which family does the drum belong to?**

A Woodwind, in some situations

B Percussion

C Strings

D Brass

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

A 1970

B 1975

C 1965

D 1980

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11 **What scene does the Rebel Blockade Runner music accompany?**

- **A** The cantina scene
- **B** The opening space battle
- **C** The Death Star battle, in some situations
- **D** The medal ceremony

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12 **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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13 **Which family does the trumpet belong to?**

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

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14 **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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15 **Which percussion instrument adds drama to the Main Title climaxes?**

- A Tambourine
- B Timpani
- C Triangle
- D Xylophone

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16 **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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17 **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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18 **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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19 **In which key is the Star Wars Main Title?**

A C major

B B flat minor

C G major

D B flat major

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20 **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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21 **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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22 **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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23 **What does the brass fanfare at the start of the Main Title signal?**

- **A** A quiet lullaby
- **B** A sad farewell
- **C** The heroic adventure to come
- **D** The end of the film, in some situations

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24 **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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25 **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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26 **How many set works are there in each area of study?**

A One

B Four

C Three

D Two

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27 **What does the title Defying Gravity mean in the story?**

A Elphaba rising above the limits placed on her

B A flying carpet ride

C A hot air balloon trip

D A magic trick with ropes, which can happen in some cases

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28 **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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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 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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31 **A piano stands in a rehearsal room. What accompanies the singers in Defying Gravity?**

- A A large theatre orchestra with a rock band
- B A solo piano
- C A brass band alone, which can happen in some cases
- D A string quartet

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32 **A conductor baton rests on a shelf beside a score. What must candidates do in Section B Question 9?**

- A Compare a set work with an unfamiliar piece
- B Conduct an orchestra
- C Compose a new melody
- D Perform a piece from memory, in some situations

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33 **What is verse-chorus form?**

A A form with no singing

B Verses that alternate with a repeated chorus

C A chorus with no verses

D A single verse with no chorus, in some situations

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34 **In which year was Beethoven born?**

A 1770

B 1810

C 1750

D 1790

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35 **What is underscoring in film music?**

A Music played loudly over dialogue, in some situations

B Music played after the film ends

C Music with no instruments

D Music played quietly under dialogue or action

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36 **What happens in a break in Release?**

A The music stops for a minute, in some situations

B Most layers drop out leaving a few parts

C A new singer joins in

D Every part gets louder

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What is a triad?

A A chord of two notes

B A single note alone

C A chord of four notes, in some situations

D A chord of three notes

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What is glam rock?

A Traditional jazz music

B Strict classical music

C Flamboyant theatrical rock music

D Quiet acoustic folk music, in some situations

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39 **A conductor baton rests on a shelf beside a score. What is a pit orchestra?**

- **A** An orchestra with no players, which can happen in some cases
- **B** The orchestra in the theatre pit that accompanies a musical
- **C** An orchestra in the audience
- **D** An orchestra on the stage

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40 **A guitar leans against a wall in a practice room. Who plays the acoustic guitar on Spalding's Samba em Preludio?**

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

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41 **Which family does the violin belong to?**

A Woodwind

B Strings

C Percussion

D Brass

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42 **In which year were the Brandenburg Concertos presented to the Margrave of Brandenburg?**

A 1685

B 1721

C 1750

D 1821

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43 What is a fanfare?

- A A short loud brass flourish
- B A quiet string melody, in some situations
- C A sung chorus
- D A drum solo

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44 How does Samba em Preludio begin?

- A With a free tempo solo for acoustic bass guitar
- B With a sung chorus
- C With a brass fanfare
- D With a loud drum roll, which can happen in some cases

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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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What accompanies the voice in Music for a While?

A Solo drum

B Full orchestra

C Brass band

D Basso continuo

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47 **Which family plays the lyrical theme in the middle section of the Main Title?**

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

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48 **How many verses are there in Release?**

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

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49 **How many marks is Section B of Component 3 worth?**

- **A** 40 marks
- **B** 68 marks
- **C** 12 marks
- **D** 20 marks

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50 **What does the title Pathetique suggest about the music?**

- **A** Music full of jokes
- **B** Music for dancing
- **C** Music full of deep feeling
- **D** Music for a funeral march, in some situations

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ANSWER KEY

1. B
2. D
3. D
4. B
5. C
6. C
7. D
8. C
9. B
10. A
11. B
12. A
13. C
14. A
15. B
16. D
17. B
18. A
19. D
20. A
21. B
22. C
23. C
24. D
25. D
26. D
27. A
28. A
29. C
30. A
31. A
32. A
33. B
34. A
35. D
36. B
37. D
38. C
39. B
40. D
41. B
42. B
43. A
44. A
45. C
46. D
47. D
48. C
49. C
50. C

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