ENGLAND GCSE MUSIC OCR · UNIT 1 · 25 QUESTIONS

Musical Elements and My Music — Practice Test

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1

Sheet music lies open on a music stand. What does a repeat sign tell a player?

A To play a section louder

B To play a section faster

C To skip a section

D To play a section again

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2 **A drum waits on a stage. What is the pulse in music?**

- A The loudest note in a bar
- B The highest note in a piece, in some situations
- C The fastest note in a piece
- D The steady beat that the music is felt in

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3 **Headphones rest beside a laptop. What does Component 05 mainly test?**

- A Composing original music, which can happen in some cases
- B Solo performing skill
- C Conducting an orchestra
- D Aural recognition and context on unfamiliar music

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4 **A piano stands in a music room. What does piano mean as a dynamic marking?**

- A Very loud
- B Loud
- C Quiet
- D Moderately loud

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5 **A saxophone gleams in a music room. What does a minor key usually sound like?**

- A Bright and happy
- B Fast and loud
- C Slow and quiet
- D Dark and sad

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

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

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What is sonata form?

- A Exposition, development and recapitulation
- B Verse, chorus and bridge
- C Intro, verse and outro only, in some situations
- D A B A with no development

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8 **What is Component 05 of OCR GCSE Music called?**

- A Composing
- B Integrated portfolio, in some situations
- C Performing
- D Listening and appraising

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9 **What does diminuendo mean?**

- A Getting gradually slower, in some situations
- B Getting gradually quieter
- C Getting gradually louder
- D Getting gradually faster

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10 **From which month and year was the refreshed OCR GCSE Music specification first taught?**

- A September 2026
- B September 2025
- C September 2023
- D September 2024

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11 **What is a pedal note?**

- A A note played very quietly, which can happen in some cases
- B A note held while the harmony changes above it
- C A note with no pitch
- D A note played very quickly

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12 **In which year is the refreshed OCR GCSE Music specification assessed for the first time?**

- A 2026
- B 2025
- C 2018
- D 2024

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13 **Which of these is a voice style a student may choose in My Music?**

- A Juggling
- B Rapping
- C Mime
- D Tap dancing

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14 **What is a modal melody?**

- A A melody played very fast, which can happen in some cases
- B A melody with no rhythm
- C A melody with no pitch
- D A melody based on a mode rather than major or minor

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15 **What does AO3 mean in OCR GCSE Music?**

- A Demonstrate and apply musical knowledge
- B Perform with accuracy
- C Play an instrument
- D Compose original music, in some situations

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16 **What does sonority describe in music?**

A How many bars there are, in some situations

B How fast the music is

C How loud the music is

D The tone colour of instruments and voices

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17 **What share of the qualification is AO4 worth in OCR GCSE Music?**

A 20%

B 40%

C 30%

D 10%

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18 **What is the dominant?**

A The highest note in a piece

B The quietest chord in a piece, in some situations

C The first note of a key

D The fifth note and chord of a key

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19 **What does staccato mean?**

A Notes played very slowly

B Notes played short and detached

C Notes played smoothly together, in some situations

D Notes played very loudly

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20 **What is compound time?**

A Time with no bar lines

B Time where the beat divides into three

C Time with no beat

D Time where the beat divides into two, in some situations

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21 **What does mezzo forte mean as a dynamic?**

A Moderately quiet

B Moderately loud

C Very loud

D Very quiet

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22 **What is consonance?**

A Notes that sound pleasant and settled together

B Notes that sound harsh together, in some situations

C Notes played very loudly

D Notes played very fast

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23 **What does accelerando mean?**

A Getting gradually louder

B Getting gradually quieter

C Getting gradually faster

D Getting gradually slower

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24 **What is a mute used for?**

A To soften the sound of an instrument

B To make an instrument louder

C To change the key of a piece, in some situations

D To speed up the tempo

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25 **What is antiphonal texture?**

A One group playing alone

B All groups playing together, in some situations

C Two groups answering each other in turn

D One line repeated exactly

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ANSWER KEY

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

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