ENGLAND GCSE MUSIC OCR · UNIT 3 · 25 QUESTIONS

Conventions of Pop — Practice Test

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1 **A guitar leans against a chair in a music room. What does a power chord in rock music contain?**

- A A single note only
- B Four notes only
- C The root, third and fifth notes
- D The root and fifth notes

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2 **Headphones rest beside a laptop. What is a synthesiser?**

- A An acoustic piano
- B A string instrument, which can happen in some cases
- C A brass instrument
- D An electronic instrument that creates sounds

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3 **A piano stands in a music room. What is the usual tempo of a pop ballad?**

- A Extremely fast
- B Very fast
- C Moderate march
- D Slow

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4 **Sheet music lies open on a music stand. What is the 12-bar blues?**

- A A pattern of twelve verses
- B A twelve-bar chord pattern using chords I, IV and V
- C A twelve-minute song
- D A twelve-bar melody with no chords, in some situations

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5 **A vinyl record spins on a record player. Which band became hugely popular in the 1960s with songs such as She Loves You?**

- A Abba
- B Queen
- C The Rolling Stones
- D The Beatles

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6 **A violin rests beside its bow. What is a hook in a pop song?**

- A A change of key only
- B A long boring passage
- C A drum fill at the end, which can happen in some cases
- D A short catchy musical idea that sticks in the memory

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7 **What is sampling in pop music?**

A Playing a song live only

B Reusing a recorded sound in a new track

C Writing lyrics by hand

D Recording a song in one take, in some situations

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8 **What is reverb in music production?**

A A way of tuning a guitar, which can happen in some cases

B A type of drum pattern

C An echo effect that makes sound seem spacious

D A way of writing lyrics

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9 **What is a riff in pop and rock?**

- A A sudden change of key
- B A pattern played once only, in some situations
- C A spoken introduction
- D A short repeated melodic or rhythmic pattern

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10 **What is a music video used for?**

- A To teach the lyrics only
- B To replace the song entirely, which can happen in some cases
- C To promote a song with filmed performance and story
- D To record the drums only

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11 **Which decade is associated with rock anthems?**

A The 1970s and 1980s

B The 1920s and 1930s

C The 1850s and 1860s

D The 2010s and 2020s

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12 **Which of these is a feature of 1950s rock n roll?**

A A choir singing in Latin

B A full symphony orchestra, in some situations

C A strong backbeat and simple chord patterns

D A harpsichord continuo

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13 **What is verse-chorus form in a pop song?**

- A A chorus with no verses
- B A form with no singing
- C Verses that alternate with a repeated chorus
- D A single verse with no chorus, in some situations

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14 **What is call and response in pop music?**

- A A phrase sung or played, then answered by another phrase
- B A song played backwards
- C Two singers singing the same notes, which can happen in some cases
- D A song with no chorus

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15 **What is a solo artist?**

- A A single performer who records and performs alone
- B A group of four singers
- C A choir of forty voices, which can happen in some cases
- D An orchestra conductor

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16 **Which band is famous for 1970s and 1980s rock anthems?**

- A Abba
- B Queen
- C The Beach Boys
- D The Beatles

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17 **What is an intro in a pop song?**

- A The drum solo at the end, in some situations
- B The opening section before the first verse
- C The final chord
- D The middle of the chorus

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18 **What is the role of the bass guitar in a pop band?**

- A To play the main melody, which can happen in some cases
- B To conduct the band
- C To play the bass line and link harmony and rhythm
- D To sing the lyrics

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What is multitrack recording?

A Recording everything in one take only, in some situations

B Recording with no microphones

C Recording each part separately and mixing them together

D Recording only the drums

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What are backing vocals in a pop song?

A The bass line

B Extra voices that support the lead vocal

C The guitar solo

D The drum pattern, which can happen in some cases

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21 **In Component 05, which area of study asks about rock, ballads and solo artists?**

- A Conventions of Pop
- B The Concerto Through Time
- C Film and Video Game Music
- D My Music

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22 **Which instrument is central to the sound of rock music?**

- A Harpsichord, in some situations
- B Electric guitar
- C Lute
- D Oboe

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- C The root and fifth notes
- D A single note only

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What is unison singing in pop?

A One voice singing alone

B Two or more voices singing the same notes

C Voices singing in canon

D Two voices singing different notes, in some situations

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

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