ENGLAND GCSE MUSIC OCR · FINAL EXAM · 50 QUESTIONS

Final Exam — Practice Test

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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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2

A saxophone gleams in a music room. What does virtuosity mean in a concerto?

- A Playing very quietly
- B Great technical skill and brilliance
- C Playing without expression, in some situations
- D Playing very slowly

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3 **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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4 **A guitar leans against a chair in a music room. What is a film score?**

- A Music written to accompany a film
- B Music written for a concert hall only
- C Music with no instruments
- D Music written for a church

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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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6 **A trumpet shines in a music room. What is a ritornello in a concerto?**

- A A passage with no melody
- B A passage played by the full orchestra that returns
- C A passage played by the soloist alone, in some situations
- D A passage sung by a choir

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7 **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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8 **A conductor baton rests beside a score. What is Mickey Mousing in film music?**

- A Music that ignores the action, in some situations
- B Music that closely follows the action on screen
- C Music played only at the end
- D Music with no rhythm

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9 **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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10 **Which section of the orchestra usually leads the ritornello?**

- A Strings
- B Brass only
- C Voices
- D Percussion only

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11 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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12 What is 8-bit music in video games?

- A Music using a full orchestra, which can happen in some cases
- B Music using the limited sounds of early consoles
- C Music using a choir
- D Music using only drums

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13 **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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14 **What is a concerto?**

- A A song for one voice alone
- B A piece for a soloist with an orchestra
- C A piece for a choir alone
- D A dance for a full orchestra, in some situations

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15 **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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16 **How can music build tension in a film?**

- A With a slow major-key melody, which can happen in some cases
- B With a gentle lullaby
- C With silence throughout
- D With dissonance, rising pitch and a faster pulse

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17 **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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18 **Who composed the Violin Concerto in E minor of 1844?**

A Mendelssohn

B Haydn

C Bach

D Brahms, in some situations

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19 **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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20 **What does texture mean in appraising?**

- A How the parts of the music fit together
- B How fast the music is
- C How loud the music is
- D How long the piece is, in some situations

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

- A 20%
- B 40%
- C 30%
- D 10%

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22 **What is a theme and variations movement in a concerto?**

- A A theme followed by changed versions of it
- B A theme with no melody
- C Several unrelated themes, in some situations
- D A theme played once only

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23 **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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24 **What does tempo tell the audience in a film?**

- A The length of the film
- B The pace and urgency of the scene
- C The names of the actors
- D The colour of the costumes, in some situations

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

A Moderately quiet

B Moderately loud

C Very loud

D Very quiet

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26 **When was the Classical period in music?**

A About 1750 to 1820

B About 1820 to 1900

C About 1900 to 1950

D About 1600 to 1750

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27 **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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28 **What is a minor key usually associated with in film music?**

A Calm and rest

B Joy and celebration

C Brightness and happiness

D Sadness and darkness

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29 **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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30 **Which Romantic concerto feature shows the soloist as a hero?**

A No solo passages at all

B An orchestra with no strings, which can happen in some cases

C Long virtuoso passages and a prominent solo role

D A soloist who never plays

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31 **A saxophone gleams in a music room. What is sampling in pop music?**

A Writing lyrics by hand

B Recording a song in one take, in some situations

C Playing a song live only

D Reusing a recorded sound in a new track

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32 **A music stand waits in a school hall. Who composed the music for the Super Mario games?**

A John Williams

B Hans Zimmer

C Ennio Morricone

D Koji Kondo

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33 **What is retrograde of a melody?**

A The melody played louder

B The melody played faster

C The melody played backwards

D The melody played in unison

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34 **What is the concertino in a concerto grosso?**

A The small group of soloists

B The conductor alone, in some situations

C The choir

D The full orchestra

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35 **What is the structure of a typical pop song?**

- **A** One verse with no chorus, which can happen in some cases
- **B** Sonata form only
- **C** Intro, verse, chorus, verse, chorus, bridge, chorus
- **D** Three movements

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36 **What does dynamic music do in a video game?**

- **A** It plays only once, in some situations
- **B** It has no melody
- **C** It never changes
- **D** It reacts to the player’s actions

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37 **Which family does the trumpet belong to?**

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

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38 **When was the Romantic period in music?**

- A About 1600 to 1750
- B About 1750 to 1820
- C About 1900 to 1950
- D About 1820 to 1900

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39 **A music stand waits in a school hall. What is a single in pop music?**

A One song released on its own

B A collection of twelve songs

C A concert ticket

D A music video only

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40 **A music stand waits in a school hall. Who composed the music for the Final Fantasy games?**

A Koji Kondo

B Nobuo Uematsu

C John Williams

D Hans Zimmer

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41 **What does legato mean?**

A Notes played very loudly

B Notes played short and detached, in some situations

C Notes played very quickly

D Notes played smoothly and joined together

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42 **What is the main solo instrument in Vivaldi’s Four Seasons?**

A Trumpet

B Cello

C Violin

D Piano

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43 What is syncopation in pop music?

- A A melody with no rhythm
- B Accents only on the first beat, in some situations
- C Accents on off-beats or unexpected beats
- D A steady beat with no accents

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44 Why might a film use an existing pop song?

- A To set a period or mood quickly
- B To remove the story
- C To shorten the film
- D To make the film silent, in some situations

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What is musical notation?

A. A list of ticket prices

B. A description of a venue, which is one possibility in some situations

C. Written symbols that show pitch, rhythm and other details

D. A recording of a concert

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What is a solo episode in a Baroque concerto?

A. A passage with no melody

B. A passage led by the soloist between ritornellos

C. A passage for the whole orchestra, in some situations

D. A passage sung by a choir

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47 **What is an album in pop music?**

A A collection of songs released together

B A single song only

C A concert ticket

D A music video only, which can happen in some cases

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48 **What is non-diegetic music in a film?**

A Music with no melody

B Music the characters can hear, which can happen in some cases

C Music only the audience can hear, such as the score

D Music played by the actors

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What does sforzando mean?

A Getting gradually louder

B Getting gradually faster

C A sudden strong accent on a note

D Getting gradually quieter, in some situations

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How did Romantic cadenzas differ from Classical cadenzas?

A They were often written out by the composer

B They were played by the orchestra, in some situations

C They were always improvised

D They were removed entirely

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ANSWER KEY

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

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