

Subject: GCSE Music

Exam Board: AQA

Mock Paper

1 hour 30 mins

Section A

You will listen attentively to unfamiliar music from all four areas of study listed below, and accurately describe musical elements, musical contexts and use musical language (including staff notation):

- 1. Western Classical Tradition 1650- 1910
- 2. Popular Music
- 3. Traditional Music
- 4. Western Classical since 1910

Questions will relate to:

- Melody
- Harmony
- Tonality
- Structure
- Sonority (Timbre)
- Texture
- Tempo, Metre and Rhythm
- Dynamics and Articulation

Section B

You will critically appraise the music from the study pieces below.

- Mozart Clarinet Concerto in A major, K. 622, 3rd movement, Rondo
- Paul Simon: Graceland album – the following tracks: *Graceland*, *Diamonds on the Soles of Her Shoes*, *You Can Call Me Al*

Questions will relate to:

- the effect of audience, time and place on how the study pieces were created, developed and performed
- how and why the music across the selected areas of study has changed over time
- how the composer's purpose and intention for the study pieces is reflected in their use of musical elements
- relevant musical vocabulary and terminology

Useful revision resources

GCSE Music Study Guide AQA by Andrew Coxon

GCSE Music Bible

AQA Past Papers and Mark Schemes

Focus on Sound (Lessons/Tests/Dictionary) <https://fosuk.server1.apps.focusonsound.com/lessons/>

GCSE Bitesize AQA (Music Theory/Western Classical Tradition/Popular Music -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zfwv7nb>

Revision Tips:

For Section A, you need to understand and be able to apply all the tier 2-3 vocab to the questions. The final part to each question is usually worth 2-4 marks in Section A so you need to be able to define the elements of music which feature in each AoS.

You need to write in sentences for Section B and answer the questions (you can't just write random tier 3 vocab words like "anacrusis"). You should all redo Sec B from December's mock (June 2022). See your written feedback.