

Music GCSE revision

Unfamiliar Music

There are lots of 1 mark questions that will ask you to:

- Suggest a **time signature**
- Identify the **tonality**
- Describe the **dynamics**
- Suggest a suitable **Italian term**
- Name the **scale** used
- Identify the **chord**
- Identify one feature of **articulation**
- Name the **cadence**
- Name the **interval**

You need to know what these mean and be able to answer the question correctly or at least guess sensibly.

You will be asked to:

- Identify instruments
- Identify the family of instruments
- Describe how the instrument is being played e.g. Pizzicato
- Identify the type of voice
- Identify type of choir
- Describe any effects that have been added to the voice/instrument. E.g. reverb

Knowing what instruments to expect in a particular style makes this a lot easier to do. Can you differentiate between an oboe and a clarinet? Trombone and trumpet? If not get Youtubing!

- Instruments in the Baroque era
- Instruments in the classical era
- Instruments in the romantic era
- Instruments in the 20th Century
- Folk Instruments
- Instruments from South America
- Pop instruments
- Blues/ jazz instruments
- Electronic instruments
- Dramatic film music post 1990

Features of styles are popular questions. Either 2 or 3 mark questions. If you make a flashcard per style then this makes it easy to revise. You may be asked about rhythm, melody, texture etc so make sure you know which feature is linked to which element.

e.g Syncopation -Rhythm

Call and Response -texture

Styles to cover for the mock include:

- Baroque
- Classical
- 20th Century
- Minimalism
- Blues
- Latin American
- Minimalism
- 1960s/70s Rock music

Haydn Symphony no 101

Revise how Haydn creates balance and contrast. Make a list of your answers under each of the appropriate element headings:

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Dynamics **R**hythm **P**itch **S**tructure **M**etre **I**nstruments **T**exture, tempo and tonality **H**armony

With a Little Help from my Friends

The Beatles question will focus on How the Beatles were innovative using the same **DR P SMITH** elements.