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**Music Technology**

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**Total marks — 32**

Attempt ALL questions.

In this examination you will listen to excerpts of music and answer questions on what you hear.

Where excerpts are played more than once, the number of times each excerpt is played is stated in the question.

Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided in this booklet. Additional space for answers is provided at the end of this booklet. If you use this space you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

Before leaving the examination room you must give this booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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Attempt ALL questions

Question 1

- (a) Listen to this excerpt and identify **two** terms from the list below which describe what you hear. The excerpt will be played **twice**.

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|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Jazz funk     | Indie     |
| Cluster       | Harmonics |
| Cross rhythms |           |

Here is the excerpt for the first time.  
Here is the excerpt for the second time.

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- (b) Listen to another excerpt from the same genre. Describe **two** music or technology features present which are typical of the genre/style.

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Question 2

- (a) Listen to this excerpt and identify the genre. Give **two** reasons for your answer, referring to **technology** concepts. The excerpt will be played **twice**.

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Here is the excerpt for the first time.  
Here is the excerpt for the second time.

Genre \_\_\_\_\_

Technology concepts \_\_\_\_\_

- (b) Listen to this excerpt and identify **one** term from the list below which describes what you hear. The excerpt will be played **twice**.

1

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Time changes | Cross rhythms |
| Samples      | Vocoder       |

Here is the excerpt for the first time.  
Here is the excerpt for the second time.

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**Question 3**

In this question, you will hear **two** recordings. For each one, you must identify the fault in the recording and describe in detail how to correct it.

- (a) Listen to this excerpt of a multi-track. Identify the **processing** fault and describe in detail how to correct it. You will hear this excerpt **twice**.

Here is the excerpt for the first time.  
Here is the excerpt for the second time.

(i) Fault \_\_\_\_\_ 1

\_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Correction \_\_\_\_\_ 1

\_\_\_\_\_

You now have **one minute** to complete your answer.

- (b) Listen to this excerpt. Identify the fault with the MIDI kick drum and describe in detail how to correct it. You will hear the excerpt **twice**.

Here is the excerpt for the first time.  
Here is the excerpt for the second time.

(i) Fault \_\_\_\_\_ 1

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(ii) Correction \_\_\_\_\_ 1

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You now have **one minute** to complete your answer.



Question 4

(a) You will hear **two** versions of a bass guitar.

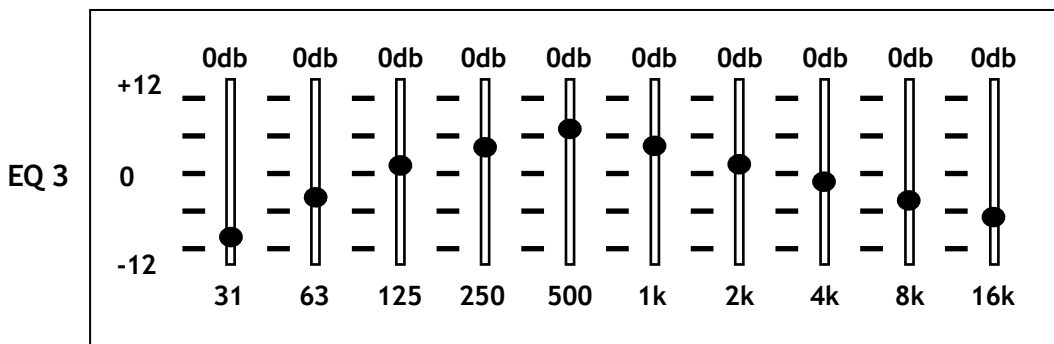
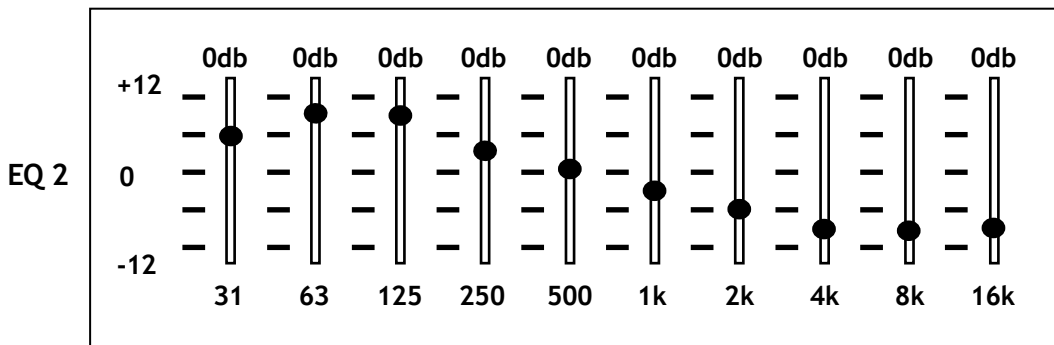
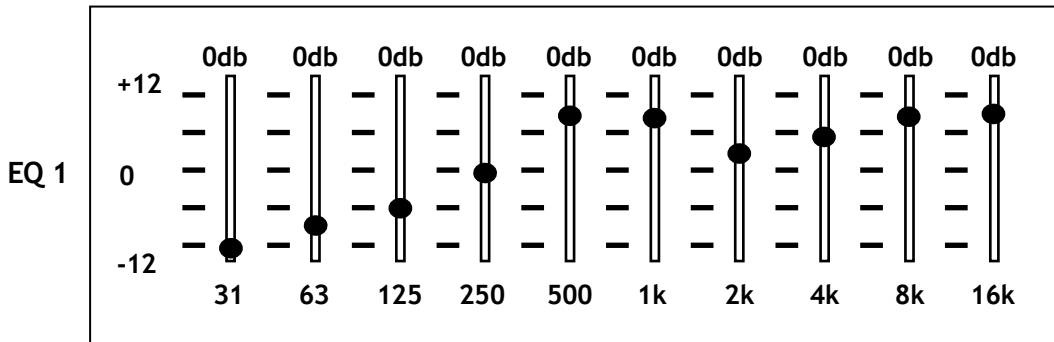
The **first** version has no effects or processes.

The **second** version has EQ applied.

Listen to **version 1** with no effects or processes.

Listen to **version 2**. Identify which EQ shown below (1, 2 or 3) has been applied and justify your answer.

1



You now have **30 seconds** to complete your answer.

EQ settings applied (1, 2 or 3)

Justification \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_



Question 4 (continued)

- (b) Listen to this excerpt. Identify the effect on the **first** electric guitar. The excerpt is short and will be played **twice**.

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Here is the excerpt for the first time.  
Here is the excerpt for the second time.

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Question 5

This question features music from different genres/styles.

- (a) Listen to this excerpt and identify **two** terms from the list below which describe what you hear. The excerpt will be played **twice**.

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|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Cluster      | Portamento |
| Walking bass | Flanger    |
| Wah-wah      |            |

Here is the excerpt for the first time.  
Here is the excerpt for the second time.

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- (b) Listen to this excerpt of bagpipes and describe in detail a **stereo** mic'ing technique you would use to capture this performance. Justify your choice.

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You now have **2 minutes** to complete your answer.

- (c) Listen to this excerpt. Identify the type of scale featured in the bass guitar sequence.

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**Question 6**

Listen to this excerpt of an engineer working on mix elements.

A guide to the audio is laid out below. You will see that further information is required and must be inserted in the spaces.

There will now be a pause of **40 seconds** to allow you to read through the question.

The excerpt will be played **three** times with a pause of **15 seconds** between playings.

In each playing, a voice will help guide you through the numbered sections.

Here is the excerpt for the first time.

Here is the excerpt for the second time.

Here is the excerpt for the third time.

| Section | Description                                                                    |   |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| 1.      | The engineer adjusts the frequency control on a/an _____ filter.               | 1 |
| 2.      | Two of the time domain effects on the electric guitar are _____ and _____.     | 2 |
| 3.      | The engineer solos the high tom and adjusts the _____ control on a noise gate. | 1 |
| 4.      | The engineer now adjusts the _____ control on the vocal delay.                 | 1 |
| 5.      | The engineer now adds a _____ to the lead vocal.                               | 1 |
| 6.      | The texture of the vocals in the chorus is _____.                              | 1 |





**Question 7**

Listen to this excerpt of music.

You must identify **five** music/production features present in the music from the ten listed below.

You will hear the music **three** times, with a pause of **15 seconds** between each playing.

You now have **one minute** to read through the question.

|                                         |                                       |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Acoustic guitar plays fingerpicked riff | Filter sweep on bass synth            |
| Tenor vocal sings harmony               | Strummed acoustic guitar panned right |
| Soprano vocal with hall reverb          | Rolls played on marimba               |
| Electric piano with tremolo effect      | Cymbal rolls and single hits          |
| Arco strings                            | Pitch bend on electric guitar         |

Give the **five** features on the lines below.

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Here is the music for the first time.

Here is the music for the second time.

Here is the music for the third time.

You now have **two minutes** to complete your answer.

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