

# Edexcel

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**GCSE  
MUSIC**

**Section A (Questions 1 - 6)**

**Music for Stage and Screen: Star Wars**

## Williams: Star Wars

**6-1** Listen to the following extract which will be played **three** times.

Here is a skeleton score of this extract.

(a) **On the score**, complete the melody in bar 13. The rhythm of the missing notes is shown below the stave.

(3)

(b) Describe the music in bars 1 to 3 . . . the introduction to the main melody. Make **three** points in your answer.

(3)

1 .....

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2 .....

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3 .....

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- (c) The instructions **a tempo** and **tutti** are used at the start of bar 4 in the score.  
What is the meaning of each of these terms? (2)

**a tempo** .....

**tutti**.....

- (d) Identify the interval (eg a tone, a 4<sup>th</sup> etc) between the two notes in bar 4 of the score above. (1)

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- (e) How many **different** chords are used in the first three bars of the melody . . . bars 4, 5 and 6 of the score above? (1)

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- (f) The melody at bar 15 beat 4 to bar 17 beat 3 (shown by the bracket in the above score) is a repeat of which previous phrase of the melody? Give the appropriate bar and beat numbers. (1)

**bar** ..... **to bar**.....

- (g) Which of the following best describes the type of scale used in bar 18? Underline your answer: (1)

**major**

**chromatic**

**pentatonic**

**minor**

- (h) Describe the relationship between the melody and the bass part in bar 18. (1)

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**Total for Question 6-1 = 13 marks**

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**6-2** Listen to the following extract which will be played **three** times.

Here is a skeleton score of the first part of this extract.

(a) Complete the notation in bars 11 and 12. Add appropriate stems and dots to show the correct rhythm for the three incomplete notes.

(3)

(b) At the beginning of bar 1, the full score shows  $\cdot \text{♪} \text{♪} = 100$ . What does this mean?

(1)

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(c) Describe the rhythm of the music in bar 18. Underline one of the following:

(1)

**syncopated**

**triplets**

**dotted**

**even quavers**

(d) After bar 19, the full score has the following: **rit** - - - - - What is the meaning of this instruction?

(1)

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- (e) The skeleton score given above shows only the first part of the music for this extract. How does the music continue after the end of the given score? (1)

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- (f) Which of the following best describes the structure of this extract? Underline your answer. (1)

intro A B A      intro A A B      intro A B C      intro A B B

- (g) Which of the following terms best describes the type of structure used in this extract? Underline your answer. (1)

fugue      sonata form      strophic      ternary form

- (h) Which string instrument plays rising glissandos at the **end** of this extract? (1)

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- (i) Describe how the music in this extract creates a suitable mood for the opening of the film **Star Wars**. Make **three** points in your answer. (3)

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2 .....

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3 .....

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Total for Question 6-2 = 13 marks

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**6-3** Listen to the following extract which will be played **three** times.

- (a) Quartal harmonies are a feature of the opening chords in this extract. What is quartal harmony?

(1)

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- (b) Which woodwind instrument has a short solo passage in this extract?

(1)

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- (c) Describe the music which **accompanies** this woodwind solo. Make two points in your answer.

(2)

**1** .....

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**2** .....

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- (d) Describe the music in the three bar passage which **follows** the woodwind solo.

(3)

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- (e) Write the numbers 1, 2 and 3 in the empty boxes to show in which order these three percussion instruments are used in this extract.

(3)

Instruments	used in this order
cymbal	
timpani	
gong	

- (f) Underline **two** of the following that best describe features of the bass line in the final, quicker passage **at the end of the extract**.

(2)

**riff      sequence      chromatic      ostinato      pedal      ground bass**

- (g) Identify the instrument which is used to hold the final, sustained note.

(1)

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- (h) This music was composed by John Williams for the film ***Star Wars***. Name one other film for which this composer has written the music.

(1)

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**Total for Question 6-3 = 14 marks**