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Question Number	Answer	Mark
1a)	B – Chillout	1
Question Number	Answer	Mark
1b)	B - 105	1

Question Number	Answer	Mark			
2a)	Aeroplane / Voice / Spoken word				
	Do not accept cockerel, lawnmower or instruments.				
	Accept any other valid response.				
Question Number	Answer	Mark			
2b)	Harmonica / Mouth organ	1			
	Also accept French harp / Blues harmonica / Blues harp / Chromatic harmonica / harmonic				
	Accept any spellings				

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3	Kick / Bass Ignore additional qualifying words Accept any spellings	1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
4	Riff	1
	Repetition	
	Ostinato	
	Arpeggio / broken chords	
	Accept melody Do not accept chords or sequence.	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
5	Award one mark for each accurate response. Synthesiser Drum Cabasa Left Lawnmower Accept any spellings	4

Question Number	Answer	Mark
	Staccato / detached	
6	• Stabs	1
	Accept slur / portamento / glissando / glide / slide. Do not accept legato.	
	Accept any other valid response	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
7	 Award one mark for identifying each effect and one mark for subsequent description up to a maximum of four marks. Filter sweeps (1) to give the effect of movement (1). Reverb (1) to give warmth and depth (1). Delay (allow echo) (1) to give a sense of space to the track (1). Pitch-shift (1) Female voice pitch shifted down to provide contrasting timbre and slowed in tempo (1). Compression (1) to make it punchy and thicker (1). Triggered sample (1) used on the rhythmic figure to create a stuttering effect (1). Panning (1) guitar spread across stereo field giving a sense of depth (1). EQ (1) balances the frequencies (1) Accept any other appropriate response.	1+11+1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
8a)	Straight / Four to the floor / Crotchets / On beat / 4/4 / 4/4 / 4x4 / JJJ Accept any spellings Ignore additional qualifying words	1
Question Number	Answer	Mark
8b)	 Soft Quiet / Whispering Breathy Accept any other valid response.	1

Question Number	Answer						Mark
9	Award o	ie mark	for identifying e	ach correct	section.		2
	0:00	1:13	1:49	2:07	3:20	3:53	
	Intro	Verse	Break / middle eight / middle 8 /	Verse	Break	Outro	
			drop / link / build / build up / interlude /				
	answer.		bridge answer in any b qualifying words	•	mark foi	the first	

Question Number					
10a)	 Award one mark for each valid response and one mark for subsequent explanation up to a maximum two marks. Texture becomes sparse at the beginning of this section (1) creates a feeling of anticipation (1). Repetitive low tones of the synth playing descending arpeggios (1) supports a dramatic atmosphere (1). Ascending synth effect at 3:29 (1) creates a build-up in tension (1). Looped drum continuous throughout (1) creates a trance – like mood (1). Interplay between the interweaving sounds as the section moves through another transition at 3:38 (1) builds a sense of anticipation (1). Voice drops out (1) makes a sense of purpose (1). Voice re-enters with soft tones (1) creates a dreamlike mood (1). Original ostinato / riff enters at the end of this section (1) reinstates a sense of excitement (1). 	1+1			
	Accept any other valid response.				

Question Number	Answer	Mark
	Pitch bend / pitch shift	
10b)	 Modulation 	1
	 Portamento / glissando 	
	• Glide	
	Slide	
	Do not accept note bending, pitch fader, tremolo. Do not accept 'bend'.	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
11	 Award one mark for each valid response and one mark for subsequent explanation up to a maximum of four marks. Produces a warmer sound (1) more pleasing / natural final result (1). Editing limitations discourage constant tinkering and changing of audio (1) original sound is heard (1). Cheaper to produce at the time of recording (1) accessible to all artists (1). Better audio bandwidth in the 90s (1) gives more of a natural sound (1). 'Hands on' / tactile / psychological experience of using tape gives sense of gravity to recording (1) leading to more creative experience for some musicians (1). Effects such as reverse and varispeed are easier (1) leading to more creative ideas (1). Tape is more forgiving than digital systems if distorted (1) giving a pleasing sound (1). Tape format will stay / be playable as long as hardware exists (1) and less likely to suffer obsolescence than some digital mediums (1). Accept any other valid response. 	1+11+1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
12	D - 1990s	1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
13a)	C - 4/4	1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
13b)	 Block (chords) Strummed Barre (chords) 	1
	Accept any other valid response.	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
14	Falsetto / head voice	1
	Accept any spellings Ignore additional qualifying words	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
15	Award one mark for each valid response and one mark or subsequent explanation up to a maximum of four marks. • Lead guitar solo (1) becomes more atmospheric (1). • Lead guitar plays a counter melody above the bass and rhythm guitar accompaniment (1) creates a sense of excitement (1). • Idiomatic playing techniques including vibrato, bends, hammer-on and pull-off used by the lead guitar (1) providing a thrilling mood (1). • Sustained block chords on the rhythm guitar (1) provides a feeling of strength (1). • Rhythm and bass guitars follow the same rhythmic pattern as the (1) support a steady increase in tension (1). • Drums maintaining an ostinato (1) provides consistency whilst the guitar solo increases the tension (1). • Prominent use of the cymbals with added emphasis at the end of the phrase (1) supporting the build up to a climax (1). • A thicker texture is created (1) giving an uplifting impression (1). Allow reference to relevant guitar effects if it supports a valid description of how an instrument is used.	1+11+1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
16a)	Call and response / Subject and answer	1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
16b)	Thick / Dense Accept any other valid answer.	1

Question Number	Answer	Mark
17	TenorMedium range / mid-rangeMid to high	1
	Do not accept male.	

Question Number	Answer	
18	 Vibrato Plucking / picking Hammer-ons Pull offs Bends Strumming Slide / glissando Accept any other valid answer.	1

Question Number	Answer			Mark
19	subsequent de	escription up to a ma	ccurate effect and one mark for aximum of 4 marks. m either columns two or three.	1 + 1 1 + 1
	Effect	Result of using the effect	How the effect is achieved]
	Chorus	Richer / thicker sound / shimmering quality	Splits the signal into two, one signal remains the same, the other is very slightly delayed.	
	Distortion / fuzz / overdrive	Buzzy / gritty / fuzzy sound / heavy / harder	Increases the gain on certain frequencies or across all frequencies to give a distorted tone.	
	Delay / echo	Repeated sounds / creates a sense of space	Can be variable length repeats of the original sound.	
	Reverb	Sense of space / ambience / echoey / sounds thicker	Repeated reflections of the sound that are blended together to give an ambience.	
	Phaser	Breathy / ripply / pulsates	Cuts the signal into two parts and pumps up the tonal aspects of one while lessening the other.	
	Flanger	Jet engine taking off / swept filter feel	Splitting the guitar signal and one is slightly delayed by a small and gradually changing amount.	
	Tremolo	Variation in volume / wobble / vibrato / pulsating	Created by variations of volume.	
	Wah-wah	Quacky / funky	Sweeps through the frequencies of the guitar signal via a potentiometer.	
	Accept any otl	her valid answer.		

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	Responses may include the following fea	atures:	
	Little Fluffy Clouds	Live Forever	
	Synthesiser 1 repeats an ostinato	Bass guitar maintains an ostinato	-
	The looped drum sample maintains a steady presence throughout with a strong sounding cymbal.	pattern with slight variations. Drum beat that plays unaccompanied for a few measures.	
	Multiple use of unconventional / non instrumental sounds such as the cockerel, traffic noise and aeroplane.	Sounds include bass, electric and rhythm guitar with drum kit throughout.	
	Two types of male speaking voices used.	Song begins with a voice whistling briefly and saying 'Oh yeah'.	
	One female speaking voice.	One lead male voice with some backing from second male vocal.	
	High pitched string sample (guitars).	Lead guitars plays a high pitched instrumental at 1:42 with effects.	
	Synth bass enters after the introduction and present up until the outro intermittently	Bass guitar plays throughout the piece.	
	Drum machine looped up until the outro where it drops out.	Drum kit plays a constant pattern throughout.	
	Synthesiser 1 has a crisp and clear tone at the beginning and carries throughout the track.	Electric guitars vary in tones with the additional of guitar pedal effects.	
	The strong attack on the prominent drums and bass sample contributes to the fullness of sound.	Heavy use of the tom toms and ride cymbal.	
	Drum machine and snare are equally balanced in tone with the other instruments and remains steady throughout.	Hi-hats have a very prominent tone colour which is emphasised by the wide panning generating a piercing sound.	
	Drum machine and the sampled drum loops have a constant strong and warm sound adding to the thickness.	The kick drum is emphasised more than the other drums and plays a very prominent part in the overall timbre, giving more of a rounded and heavy tone colour.	
	The harmonic high pitch of the string / guitar sample resonates very clearly and at times piercing against the softer tones of synthesiser 2.	Lead guitar always prominent with piercing tones set against the more warmer tones of the bass guitar.	
	The female voice has very soft and warm undertones.	Male voice is harsher and the bass tones gives a heavier tone.	
	Several different types of samples interweave creating a variable texture.	Texture similar throughout and dense.	
	Accept any other valid response.		

Level	Descriptor
0 marks	No rewardable material.
1-3 marks	Basic similarities and differences between pieces identified, or only similarities or differences considered. The answer is likely to be in the form of a list and statements may be incomplete. Statements made will be superficial / generic and not applied to the context in the question. Statements will not contrast / link elements of the pieces directly to each other.
4-6 marks	Some similarities and differences between pieces identified, or a few key similarities and differences described but this will include statements that do not contrast / link elements of the pieces directly to each other. Consideration of both similarities and differences but there will be an inappropriate emphasis on one of them. The answer is unbalanced. Most points made will be relevant to the context in the question.
7-8 marks	Range of similarities and differences described, or a few key similarities and differences explained in depth. Balanced consideration of both similarities and differences, with all statements contrasting / linking elements of the pieces directly to each other. The majority of observations made will be relevant in terms of the context in the question.





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