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Paper Reference(s)

# XXXX/XX Edexcel GCE Music Technology Advanced Subsidiary

Unit 1: Music Technology Portfolio 1

### Sample Assessment Material

Candidates must complete all three tasks, Task 1A, 1B and 1C.

The work submitted to Edexcel comprises an audio CD with three tracks, and the logbook document.

This question paper is a final draft version. On accreditation of the specification this question paper will be subject to final copy editing and styling for publication to centres.

#### **Instructions to Candidates**

Complete all THREE tasks.

Task 1A: Sequenced Realised Performance, Task 1B: Multi-track Recording and Task 1C: Creative Sequenced Arrangement are worth 40 marks each. The logbook for these three tasks is worth 20 marks. The total mark for this unit is 140.

#### **Instructions to Teachers**

The complete portfolio, comprising Task 1A, 1B and 1C must be presented for assessment as stereo audio recordings on ONE audio CD, along with the completed Logbook document.

Task 1A must be presented as Track 1, Task 1B as Track 2, and Task 1C as Track 3.

Centres are reminded that each candidate submission should be presented on a separate audio CD (NOT on MiniDisc<sup>TM</sup> or cassette tape) and this must be clearly labelled with centre number, candidate name and candidate number).

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#### Task 1A: Sequenced Realised Performance

#### **Money Money Money (Abba)**

Using the original Abba recording as your main stimulus, you should make a sequenced realisation of this song.

A skeleton score has been included to assist you. However, you are reminded that this task is predominantly an aural task, and the original recording should be your main guide.

You are required to recreate a complete performance of the original song, including all instrumental parts heard on the original recording.

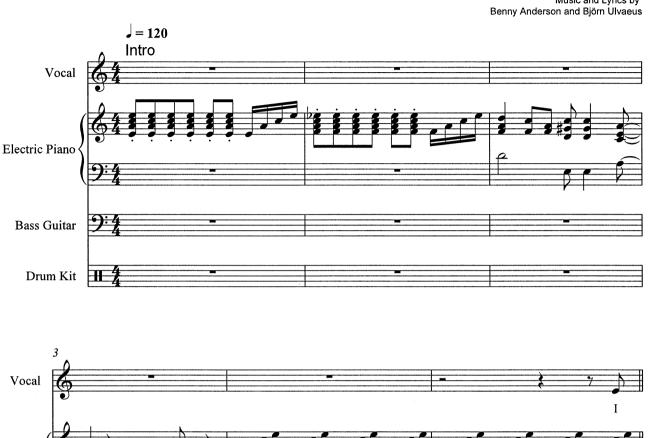
You should try to match timbres and performance details as closely as possible to the original, but you may substitute instrumental timbre for the vocals.

You should submit your completed performance as Track 1 on your Music Technology Portfolio 1 CD.

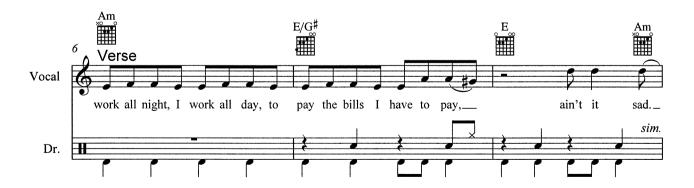
(40 marks)

# Money, Money, Money

Music and Lyrics by Benny Anderson and Björn Ulvaeus













#### Task 1B: Multi-track Recording

Make a recording of a piece of music of your own choice in a style relating to Area of Study 2: Popular Music Styles since 1910.

You must record a piece of music that is commercially available, or an accepted rock, pop or jazz standard.

#### Your recording should:

- last between 2 and 4 minutes
- use a minimum of eight and a maximum of 12 tracks
- contain a balanced use of close-mic and direct-inject (DI) capture
- have a minimum of four tracks captured using microphones
- make use of overdub techniques
- use only live musicians, and contain no MIDI sequenced performance
- be a noise-free stereo production with use of appropriate effects.

You should submit your completed recording as Track 2 on your Music Technology Portfolio 1 CD.

(40 marks)

#### Task 1C: Task 1C: Creative Sequenced Arrangement

You are required to create an original arrangement between 2 and 3 minutes in length based on **one** of the following stimuli and in **one** of the following styles:

#### Stimuli

- House of the Rising Sun (trad.)
- Life On Mars (Bowie)

A skeleton score for each stimuli has been included to assist you.

#### **Style**

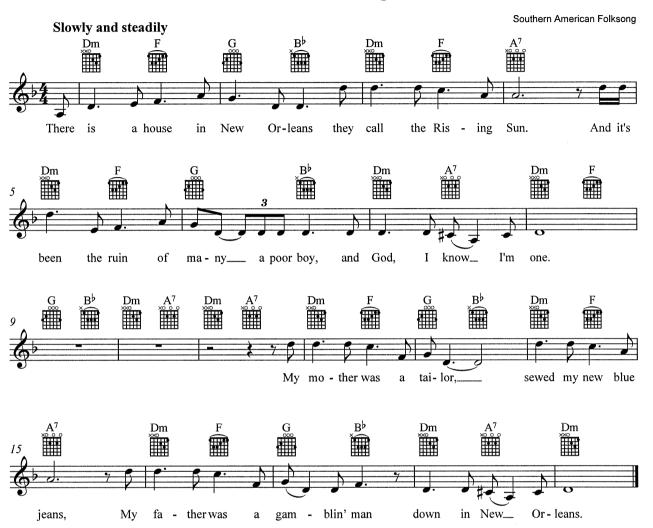
- Ambient electronica (e.g. in the style of Royskopp/Air/Zero 7)
- Big Band Jazz/Swing (e.g. in the style of Glenn Miller/Tony Bennett/Jools Holland)

You are reminded that if you use any pre-recorded loops and samples they must be manipulated/shaped/edited/processed in order to gain credit. All samples and loops must be royalty-free and **not** taken from any commercial recordings.

You should submit your completed arrangement as Track 3 on your Music Technology Portfolio 1 CD.

(40 marks)

# House of the Rising Sun



## Life on Mars?



