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Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Music Technology

Advanced

Component 1: Recording

Task

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- The total mark for this component is 60.
- This document outlines the task for the recording.
- The recording must last between 3 and 3½ minutes.
- You must fulfil the instrumentation requirements.
- You must record one song by one artist from the list of 10.

Recording Task

Produce a stereo mix of one song by one artist from the list of 10 that meets the instrumental requirements listed below. Your choice of song must be taken from a commercial studio recording on which the artist is credited.

Your recording must demonstrate competencies in capture of sound and use of EQ, dynamic processing, effects, stereo, balance and blend.

Your recording must last between 3 and 3½ minutes.

Your recording must meet the following instrumentation requirements:

Instrumentation requirements	
Compulsory audio instruments You must record all the instruments in this list. The total playing time for each must be no less than 2 minutes.	Additional audio instruments You must record at least two different instruments from this list. The total playing time for each must be no less than 1 minute.

Drum kit recorded with a minimum of 4 microphones	Acoustic melody instrument
Bass guitar or double bass	Acoustic guitar
Electric guitar	Keyboard
Lead vocal	
Backing vocal	
<p>Additional instances of any of the instruments listed above may be used in the recording, if appropriate to the instrumentation of the chosen song, e.g. additional guitar and/or keyboard part.</p> <p>Additional unpitched percussion instruments (including electronic percussion) must not be included in the recording.</p> <p>You may capture keyboard instruments using microphones, DI, or plug-in virtual instruments. It is not acceptable to use plug-in virtual instruments to replace any of the other instruments; this includes drum replacement software and other virtual instrument player software.</p>	

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List of 10 Artists You must choose one song from one artist in the following list
Gloria Gaynor David Gray Kaiser Chiefs Bruno Mars Alanis Morissette Mumford & Sons Katy Perry Republica Diana Ross The Who

You must:

- **ensure the recording is free from distortion and noise**
- **use contemporary production techniques for stereo**
- **use EQ that reflects contemporary standards of clarity.**

You may use any of the following techniques as appropriate:

- **drop-ins/overdubs**
- **double tracking**
- **compiling complete performances from several takes**
- **sequencing of virtual instruments or live recording to capture keyboards**
- **editing of timing or pitch.**

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In order to meet the specification requirements you may:

- **replicate the instrumentation as performed on the original stimulus or adapt the performances to suit your chosen instruments**
- **adapt the song to fade or finish after 3 and before 3½ minutes.**

You must not use looping techniques to construct tracks from short sections of audio or MIDI. However, it is acceptable to correct occasional performance mistakes using short sections of audio from elsewhere in the song.

You must be in sole charge of the recording process from capture of audio to mixdown. Sharing of audio files between candidates is not permitted.

You must submit your recording digitally in the format detailed in the Administrative Support Guide, found on the Pearson website.