

MUSIC HISTORY

QUESTIONS SEMESTER II

1980s

1. Explain why Hip-hop is musically such a revolution.
2. What is a block party?
3. What is a sound system?
4. What is an MC?
5. What is turntablism?
6. Who made "Rapper's Delight"? What year?
7. Which song formed the backbone for "Rapper's Delight"?
8. Grandmaster Flash & ...?
9. When were the Golden Years of Hip-hop?
10. In what way is Hip-hop a reaction to the Disco era?
11. In what way is Hip-hop a continuation of the Disco Era?
12. Which song brought Hip-hop into the mainstream? What year?
13. Explain how sampling led to a boom in creativity in pop music and Hip-hop.
14. Explain how jurisdiction ended this creativity.
15. What is a Fairlight?
16. What is NWOBHM?
17. Name some differences between Trash Metal and Death Metal.
18. The Big 3 of Hard Rock?
19. What is Spinal Tap?
20. What was the Cold War?
21. When did the Berlin Wall fall down?
22. When did MTV start?
23. What is Live Aid? What year?
24. Who is Bob Geldof?
25. Who was Lou Otten?
26. Which album was being used to promote the Compact Disc?
27. How and why did the music industry invent the Superstar?
28. How did the enormous success of "Thriller" help MTV?
29. What is VHS?
30. How did Hollywood help the music industry in the 1980s?

1990s

31. "Home Taping Is Killing Music" What was that all about?
32. Explain how and why the music video was such a revolutionary development in the 1980s?
33. What does 'crossover' mean in pop music?
34. What is New Jack Swing?
35. What is The Year Of Grunge?
36. What is Alt.Country?
37. What album was instrumental in the rise of the female Singer-songwriter as a concept?
38. What is the original meaning of Lo-Fi as a genre?
39. Why is "In An Aeroplane Over The Sea" such a classic 90s masterpiece?
40. What is Slowcore?
41. 303?
42. 808?
43. What is IDM?
44. What made Britpop typically British?
45. Who won the Britpop War?

46. The Year Of Britpop?
47. Name 3 Grunge bands.
48. Name 3 Britpop bands.
49. What is Retro? Give some examples.
50. What is outsider art?
51. What happened when Wilco handed in the master tapes of "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot"?
52. Why would an artist/band want to make lo-fi music?

HIPHOP

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1. What was the Golden Age of Hip-hop?
2. When was the first rap single released?
3. What was the name of the record label of Rick Rubin and Russell Simmons?
4. Why was Eric B & Rakim so influential for the Golden Age of Hip-hop?
5. What happened when Chuck D heard "I Know You Got Soul"?
6. Mike G of The Jungle Brothers said: "...this is our folk music." What does he mean by this?

7. What did sample clearance have to do with the end of The Golden Age?
8. How is The Blueprint (2001) by Jay-Z influenced by The Golden Age Of Hip-hop?

NIRVANA

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1. What were the living conditions of Kurt Cobain a month before "Nevermind" was released?
2. What was The Year Of Grunge?
3. Which (double)album was released a week before "Nevermind" and was much more interesting to the record company Geffen?
4. Why were the members of Nirvana shocked when "Nevermind" went gold?
5. Why did Kurt Cobain cancel the last week of touring in December 1991?
6. How did Nirvana alter the sound of rock music?
7. What did Stone Gossard think when he heard Eddie Vedder sing on the famous demo tape "Mommason"?