

Vocabulary/ Expressions	
a catchy tune	a song that is easy to remember and makes you want to sing it
to download tracks	to obtain music from the Internet
to go on tour	to go on a planned series of performances around a region or country
a huge following	a large number of fans
to be/sing out of tune	to not be in harmony/to sing the wrong notes
a piece of music	an item of music
to read music	to understand and follow written musical notes
a sing-song	to sing informally, often with other people
taste in music	the music someone likes
to take up a musical instrument	to begin learning a musical instrument

PART 1 QUESTIONS

Here are possible questions that might come up during the test. Go over them with your tutor.

Topic

- Which types of music do you like? Why?
- Do you play any instruments?
- Have you got any hobbies or interests?

PART 2&3 QUESTIONS

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Sample A

Part 2 Questions

- Describe a concert that you went to . You should say:
 - when it was
 - where it was
 - who you went with
 - and what you enjoyed the most about it

Part 3 Questions

- Do you think there will be further changes in the music industry in the future?
- Should music be treated as seriously as subjects like maths or sciences at school?

SAMPLE ANSWERS

Here are some sample answers. Go over them with your tutor.

Part 1 Questions

- **Which types of music do you like? Why?**
 - I'm a big fan of classical music ... it doesn't make me very popular with my children ... their taste in music is completely different ... they always want to listen to their favourite rock bands ...
- **Do you play any instruments?**
 - No I don't ... I've always wished I'd taken up a musical instrument ... I'd love to be able to play the guitar ... but I think I'm a bit tone deaf so perhaps I'd find it hard ...
- **Have you got any hobbies or interests?**
 - I'm really into live music ... I go to a lot of music festivals ... I think a live performance always sounds more exciting than a recorded version ... as long as the performers can sing and play well of course ...

PART 2&3 ANSWERS

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Sample A

Part 2 Questions

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I went to see Big Bang's concert last year. If you don't know this group, Big Bang is a famous K-pop group that has many good musics and amazing performance. To be honest, the first time I listened to their music, I didn't really like it. It was in a language that I didn't understand, and for me understanding lyrics is the most important thing. However, my perception has completely changed when I saw their performance on the TV. I thought the dance moves were completely in sync with the music, and the beat felt completely different from what I had previously heard. After that, I have been following the group, watching more concert recordings and listening to their music online.

Part 3 Questions

- **Do you think there will be further changes in the music industry in the future?**
 - Yes, I think piracy, file sharing and streaming will have a detrimental effect on the industry. In addition, technology has now replaced a lot of the talent which was associated with creating music. Most pop songs today are created by a computer program which creates a song in such a manner that it is instantly likeable and memorable, like following a recipe with all the right ingredients. Then a singer is chosen to sing it and this is the reason why so many pop songs sound almost identical. It's a formula, not a creative process and that's kind of sad. But some things will never change. There will always be an increasing fixation on the private lives of musicians, especially the younger ones with paparazzi hounding them and their love lives splashed across the front pages of tabloids.
- **Should music be treated as seriously as subjects like maths or sciences at school?**
 - I think it should ... I don't think it should be taught in a boring way ... I mean making children read music ... but I do think they should be encouraged to play instruments and to play things by ear perhaps ... to keep the lessons fun ...