



Music in Modern Society - MMC3, Annelies de Bruine
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S111, 09:30 - 12:30

This exam consists of two parts. The first part, A, has 3 questions. You need to answer all these questions. Each question has 4 parts (a-d) and you can get a maximum of 10 points per question. B consists of 4 questions, also for 10 points maximum each. You only need to answer 2 of the questions in part B. Please try to keep your answers short and to the point. You can answer in English or in Dutch.

A1.

- a. What did the Birmingham Centre of Contemporary Cultural Studies (CCCS) say about subcultures and style? (4)
- b. Why did pop music started in the fifties? (2)
- c. Name at least 4 arguments Adorno wrote about music between the 1920s and the 1960s. (2)
- d. Please explain the difference between between Riesman's majority groups and minority groups. (2)

A2.

- a. Why is the term rights 'industry preferred' over 'manufacturing industry' when referring to the music industry? (4)
- b. What is the difference between performance rights and mechanical copyrights? (2)
- c. Name the three sources from which recording artists collect their royalties. (2)
- d. Describe at least one difference between a major record label (majors) and an independent record label (indies)? What is the relationship between majors and indies; name at least one field in which majors and indies need/use each other? (2)

A3.

- a. In what situation in human computer interaction (HCI) is it better to use non-speech sounds over speech? (4)
- b. How can multi-sensory output benefit HCI? (2)
- c. What is the difference between auditory icons and earcons? (2)
- d. How can non-verbal auditory feedback improve computer-human-human interaction (CHHI) in call centres? (2)

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B1 (10)

- a. Marilyn Manson wasn't welcome at the 1998 Grammy Award Show because he had caused 'moral panic' with his appearance. Can you mention 3 other examples of moral panic in the history of popular music?
- b. What does PMRC stand for? What does this organisation do?
- c. Name a form of self-censorship used by the music industry?
- d. Marilyn Manson was accused of being responsible for the Columbine massacre. What arguments did Marilyn Manson use to reject the responsibility?

B2. (10)

- a. Why is 'authenticity' such a loaded term in the music business concerning hierarchy and respect?
- b. Allan Moore mentions three authenticities in his article. Please describe these three authenticities.
- c. Please explain why Moore says that authenticity is a construction made on the act of listening?
- d. Please write down the difference between rock and pop in terms of authenticity.

B3. (10)

- a. Steve Jones mentions in his article about music and the internet that recording sound matters less and that the ability to record *and transport* sound is power over sound. Can you explain what Jones means with this statement?
- b. Name 4 ways how internet can help the music industry.
- c. How did the The Artist Formerly Known as Prince use the internet when releasing his album *Crystal Ball* in 1998?
- d. What can amateur musicians all over the world do on networks like the Distributed Real-time Groove Network (DRGN) and Res Rocket?

B4. (10)

- a. Why was the chat page of John Prine's record label such a big success?
- b. Why did John Prine's chat page needed to be closed down after a more than a year? Name at least 4 reasons.
- c. Why is it good for a record label to have chat pages on the internet? Name at least 3 reasons.
- d. When folk communities declined, Marx said that "something human was taken from us and returned in the form of a commodity", a classis case of 'alienation'. What did Marx mean by this and why can a chat page on an artists web site be a solution to the alienation?