

## Candidate 4 — EDM

### Composing music

The candidate submitted a performance plan with selected details about their composition. Beneath each row of bar numbers, the row in italics shows some of the vocal lyrics. The next row has information about the compositional methods used, and the final row lists some of the music technology features. This level of detail is very helpful and informs the marking process.

This is an excellent composition. The candidate has created a song using popular music technology techniques. The candidate uses their chosen media and a wide range of effects in an imaginative way. They have selected and developed rhythmic concepts in a highly original and creative way.

Although the piece is very repetitive, the candidate has developed structural concepts in an imaginative way. They have used melodic ideas in a straightforward way and a rather limited harmonic vocabulary.

Overall, this piece is an excellent example of the genre. It shows strong evidence of the candidate's understanding of music technology. The composition reflects the style of many current commercially available tracks. The candidate was awarded **9 marks**.

### Review of the creative process

The candidate's review contains a limited account of their main decisions. It has a very limited explanation of how they used compositional methods to explore and develop their musical ideas. They provide only a limited identification of their strengths and areas for improvement. The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

## **Candidate 4 — EDM review 2**

### **Review of the creative process**

The candidate's review contains a fairly detailed account of their main decisions. It has a relevant explanation of how they used compositional methods to explore and develop their musical ideas.

While the candidate has given appropriate information about certain sections of the composition, there are other areas where more detail would have enhanced this review. For example, the important piano entry at bar 17 and the section at bar 25 where the new drum pattern is introduced are not mentioned. They provide identification of their strengths and an area for improvement.

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.