Listening assignment 01 October 12, 2020

Here are some URLs of pieces of music that I would like you to listen to this week. Please listen and write out answers (in paragraph form) to the questions below. NOTE: If you have trouble accessing the clips on YouTube, please try a Chinese music website – I think there is one that is called “shrimp” – xia or something like that.

Example 1 – Ellington – It don’t mean a thing if it ain’t got that swing

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDQpZT3GhDg&feature=youtube_gdata>

Example 2 – Traditional folk song – Down to the River to Pray – King Singer’s

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-C3G1mMJQUY>

Example 3 – Beethoven – Moonlight Sonata – movement III

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqSulR9Fymg>

Example 4 – Hey Joe – Jimmi Hendrix

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OtqGFEJXJo>

Example 5 – Dietrich Fischer-Diskau – Fischerweise (Schubert)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WYzPqx63LKs&feature=related>

Part I

For each example above please write a couple of paragraphs about the specific piece of music. Include the following in your writing:

* A little bit of background on the music – for example, when was it composed, what was the purpose of the music (for public entertainment in a club, for the concert hall, so that the composer could sell musical scores to the public, for a ritual such as a wedding, funeral, or other social gathering, as a social commentary?
* How do you feel about the music? What purpose does it serve for you? (intellectually, emotionally, spiritually)
* What is the style of the music (Wikipedia is a good place to begin your search for information)
* What are some characteristics that you hear in the music? (anything that strikes you regarding melody, rhythm, harmony, the kind of instrument or instruments, the use of voice)
* What appeals to you about the music? Would you listen to more of this style?
* What does not appeal to you about the music?
* What feelings, thoughts or emotions do you feel when you hear this music?

Part II

Please listen to the following videos (which you can download). Once you have listened please answer yes or no to the question: Is this music? Then give reasons for your answer.

* Chinese National Anthem
* Cage: Water Walk
* Skrillex: Scary Monsters and Nice Sprites
* Beethoven: Für Elise
* Cage: 4’33”