2019-2020 Multiple Choice Quiz SAMPLE

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. What is the term for a child who can perform or compose music at the level of a highly-trained adult?
   A. Boy soprano
   B. Musical improviser
   C. Musical prodigy
   D. Orchestrator

2. What type of composition consists of music for voices and instruments in several movements?
   A. Strophic song
   B. Opera chorus
   C. Cantata
   D. Art song

3. What type of music is short and showy, and is played for a special event or to announce the arrival of an important person?
   A. Theme
   B. Scherzo
   C. Trio
   D. Fanfare

4. What is the overall structure of a piece of music?
   A. Musical form
   B. Choreography
   C. Quintet
   D. Chamber music

5. What is the term for background music composed to go with the action or speaking parts of a drama?
   A. Recitativo
   B. Movie music
   C. Incidental music
   D. Musak
6. Which composer was a child prodigy and was considered to be a musical genius his whole life?
   A. Puccini
   B. Bach
   C. Vivaldi
   D. Mozart

7. Which composer has won five Academy Awards?
   A. Bernstein
   B. Williams
   C. Whitacre
   D. Stravinsky

8. Which composer was famous for his operas, even though he only wrote twelve?
   A. Puccini
   B. Mozart
   C. Bernstein
   D. Verdi

9. What is the nickname of Beethoven’s third symphony?
   A. “Choral”
   B. “Eroica”
   C. “The Hunting Symphony”
   D. “Adoration of the Earth”

10. What is the term for an early form of French art song?
    A. Lied
    B. Arietta
    C. Operetta
    D. Romance

11. What musical form is made up of a collection of short pieces?
    A. Posy
    B. Strophic form
    C. Suite
    D. Rondo form
12. What is the term for the main melody of a section or composition?
   A. Dynamics
   B. Theme
   C. Form
   D. Improvisation

13. What is the term for the way beats of music are grouped, usually in sets of two, three, or four beats?
   A. Meter
   B. Tempo
   C. Rhythm
   D. Duet, trio, or quartet

14. Which composer was known as the “Red Priest”?
   A. Prokofiev
   B. Mozart
   C. Vivaldi
   D. T. Giordani

15. Which composer received an honorary doctorate degree in philosophy?
   A. Fanny Mendelssohn
   B. Brahms
   C. Schumann
   D. Whitacre

16. What is the most common male singing voice?
   A. Tenor
   B. Bass
   C. Baritone
   D. Countertenor

17. Which of the following is not an element of music?
   A. Rhythm
   B. Melody
   C. Harmony
   D. Dissonance
18. What is the musical term for a story told through music and dancing, performed on a stage with costumes, sets, and lighting?
   A. Opera
   B. Ballet
   C. Fanfare
   D. Overture

19. Which composer attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas?
   A. Williams
   B. Bernstein
   C. Whitacre
   D. Grainger

20. What is the term for a group of singers (sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses) that performs the parts of the townspeople or other special groups of characters in an opera?
   A. Choir
   B. Chamber singers
   C. Opera chorus
   D. SATB
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