

High School Drama and Theatre Fundamentals

Drama & Theatre · Practice Test · 18 Questions

1. What is the term for the area of the stage closest to the audience?

- A) Upstage
- B) Downstage
- C) Stage Left
- D) Stage Right

2. Which professional is responsible for the overall artistic vision of a theatre production?

- A) Stage Manager
- B) Playwright
- C) Director
- D) Costume Designer

3. What is the primary purpose of a 'monologue' in a play?

- A) A conversation between two characters
- B) A long speech by one character
- C) A dance sequence
- D) An intermission announcement

4. Which element of drama refers to the main message or underlying meaning of a play?

- A) Theme
- B) Plot
- C) Setting
- D) Cast

5. In technical theatre, what are the curtains on the side of the stage used to hide the wings called?

- A) Backdrop
- B) Cyclorama
- C) Legs
- D) Proscenium

6. What is the 'fourth wall' in a theatrical performance?

- A) The back wall of the theatre
- B) An imaginary wall between the actors and the audience
- C) The wall where the lighting rig is attached
- D) The fireproof curtain

7. Which term describes the physical movements and positioning of actors on stage?

- A) Blocking
- B) Improvisation
- C) Projection
- D) Diction

8. What is the 'script' of a play primarily composed of?

- A) Director's notes
- B) Costume sketches
- C) Dialogue and stage directions
- D) Lighting cues

9. What does 'projection' refer to in acting?

- A) Memorizing lines
- B) Using volume to be heard clearly
- C) Changing costumes quickly
- D) Adjusting stage lights

10. Which type of theatre stage is surrounded by the audience on all four sides?

- A) Proscenium stage
- B) Thrust stage
- C) Arena or 'In the Round' stage
- D) Traverse stage

11. Who is the person responsible for writing the play?

- A) Producer
- B) Playwright
- C) Choreographer
- D) Set Designer

12. What is the 'audition' process used for?

- A) Reviewing the budget
- B) Casting actors for roles
- C) Publicity and marketing
- D) Selling tickets

13. Which term describes the 'high' or 'low' quality of an actor's voice?

- A) Pitch
- B) Pacing
- C) Articulation
- D) Tempo

14. What is a 'cue' in theatre?

- A) A signal for an actor or technician to perform an action
- B) The script cover
- C) The entrance fee
- D) A type of stage makeup

15. What is the function of a 'prop' in a play?

- A) To provide background scenery
- B) An object used by actors on stage
- C) To illuminate the stage
- D) To design the costume

16. In which era of theatre did William Shakespeare write his famous plays?

- A) Ancient Greek
- B) Elizabethan
- C) Contemporary
- D) Post-modern

17. What is the purpose of 'warm-ups' before a performance?

- A) To entertain the audience
- B) To prepare the body and voice for acting
- C) To finish the rehearsal early
- D) To memorize the entire script

18. What does 'improvisation' mean?

- A) Strictly following a script
- B) Performing without a prepared script
- C) Designing a set in real-time
- D) Applying heavy makeup