

# Opera Essentials

Opera · Practice Test · 18 Questions

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**1. What is the term for the text or script of an opera?**

- A) Libretto
- B) Score
- C) Overture
- D) Aria

**2. Which famous Italian city is home to the world-renowned opera house 'La Scala'?**

- A) Rome
- B) Venice
- C) Milan
- D) Florence

**3. In opera, what is the term for a solo vocal piece that expresses a character's emotions?**

- A) Recitative
- B) Aria
- C) Chorus
- D) Duet

**4. What is the name of the orchestral piece that typically begins an opera performance?**

- A) Finale
- B) Intermission
- C) Overture
- D) Cadenza

**5. Which composer wrote the famous opera 'The Magic Flute'?**

- A) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- B) Ludwig van Beethoven
- C) Giuseppe Verdi
- D) Giacomo Puccini

**6. What is the highest female singing voice range in opera?**

- A) Contralto
- B) Mezzo-soprano
- C) Soprano
- D) Baritone

**7. Which famous opera features the popular aria 'Nessun Dorma'?**

- A) Carmen
- B) Turandot
- C) The Barber of Seville
- D) Don Giovanni

**8. Who is the title character in Georges Bizet's famous opera set in Spain?**

- A) Tosca
- B) Aida
- C) Carmen
- D) Lucia

**9. What is the name of the structure where the orchestra sits in an opera house?**

- A) Balcony
- B) Gallery
- C) Pit
- D) Stalls

**10. Which musical term describes a singer who can perform in both male and female ranges?**

- A) Countertenor
- B) Bass
- C) Tenor
- D) Baritone

**11. What is the lowest male singing voice in opera?**

- A) Baritone
- B) Tenor
- C) Bass
- D) Countertenor

**12. In which language were the majority of the most famous 18th-century operas originally written?**

- A) English
- B) German
- C) Italian
- D) French

**13. What is the term for the artistic movement characterized by realistic and often gritty subjects in opera?**

- A) Verismo
- B) Baroque
- C) Classical
- D) Romantic

**14. Which legendary opera singer was known as 'La Divina'?**

- A) Maria Callas
- B) Renée Fleming
- C) Luciano Pavarotti
- D) Joan Sutherland

**15. What is the term for a performance style where words are sung in a rhythmic, speech-like manner?**

- A) Aria
- B) Recitative
- C) Coloratura
- D) Libretto

**16. Which of these is a famous opera by Giacomo Puccini about a Japanese geisha?**

- A) La Bohème
- B) Madama Butterfly
- C) Tosca
- D) Rigoletto

**17. What is the term for a singer who performs a specific, often virtuosic, vocal style involving rapid runs and trills?**

- A) Coloratura
- B) Baritone
- C) Bass
- D) Chorus

**18. Which opera house is located on Bennelong Point in Sydney, Australia?**

- A) The Royal Opera House
- B) The Sydney Opera House
- C) La Fenice
- D) Vienna State Opera