

The Grand World of Opera

Music · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. What is the name of the book or script that contains all the words of an opera?

- A) The Score
- B) The Libretto**
- C) The Novel
- D) The Manuscript

2. Which term describes a solo song in an opera that expresses a character's deep emotions?

- A) Aria**
- B) Recitative
- C) Chorus
- D) Overture

3. In an opera house, where does the orchestra typically sit to play the music?

- A) On the balcony
- B) Behind the curtain
- C) In the orchestra pit**
- D) In the front row of the audience

4. Which vocal range is the highest for a female singer in an opera?

- A) Contralto
- B) Mezzo-Soprano
- C) Soprano**
- D) Tenor

5. Which style of singing is used to move the plot forward by mimicking the rhythm of natural speech?

- A) Aria
- B) Falsetto
- C) Recitative**
- D) Vibrato

6. Who is the person responsible for leading the orchestra and keeping the singers in time?

- A) The Librettist
- B) The Concertmaster
- C) The Choreographer
- D) The Conductor**

7. In which country did the first operas originate during the late 16th century?

- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) Italy**
- D) Austria

8. What is the musical introduction played by the orchestra before the opera begins?

- A) Interlude
- B) Overture**
- C) Finale
- D) Coda

9. Which famous composer wrote the opera 'The Magic Flute' (Die Zauberflöte)?

- A) Ludwig van Beethoven
- B) Johann Sebastian Bach
- C) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**
- D) Giacomo Puccini

10. What is the lowest male vocal range in an opera?

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

11. What do we call a short musical theme that represents a specific character, object, or idea?

- A) Staccato
- B) Leitmotif**
- C) Tempo
- D) Sonata

12. Which of these terms refers to a male singer with a range between a Tenor and a Bass?

- A) Soprano
- B) Baritone**
- C) Mezzo-Soprano
- D) Alto

13. What is the name for the period of time between the acts of an opera where the audience can take a break?

- A) Recess
- B) Intermission**
- C) Coda
- D) Overture

14. Which famous opera features the character Carmen, a Spanish factory girl?

- A) The Barber of Seville
- B) Tosca
- C) Carmen**
- D) Aida

15. What is the term for a group of singers who perform together and often represent 'the people' in an opera?

- A) The Ensemble
- B) The Chorus**
- C) The Trio
- D) The Duet

16. Who is the person that writes the words (text) for an opera?

- A) The Composer
- B) The Librettist**
- C) The Director
- D) The Lyricist

17. Which term refers to the visual scenery and furniture used on stage during an opera?

- A) Costumes
- B) Props
- C) The Set**
- D) Lighting

18. Which of these is a famous opera by Gioachino Rossini involving a clever barber?

- A) The Marriage of Figaro
- B) The Barber of Seville**
- C) Madame Butterfly
- D) Rigoletto