

Global Tapestry of Theatre

Drama & Performance · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. The ancient Greek theatrical tradition, characterized by its chorus, masks, and exploration of myth and fate, primarily flourished in which city-state?

- A) Sparta
- B) Corinth
- C) Thebes
- D) Athens**

2. Noh theatre, a highly stylized and symbolic form of Japanese drama with roots in the 14th century, is most closely associated with which city?

- A) Osaka
- B) Kyoto**
- C) Tokyo
- D) Nara

3. Kathakali, a vibrant and elaborate dance-drama from Kerala, India, is known for its elaborate costumes, makeup, and expressive storytelling. This art form originated in which coastal region of Southern India?

- A) Coromandel Coast
- B) Konkan Coast
- C) Malabar Coast**
- D) Northern Circars

4. Commedia dell'arte, an improvisational theatrical form featuring stock characters and masks, originated in which European country during the 16th century?

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

5. The Globe Theatre, famously associated with William Shakespeare and the Elizabethan era, was located in which city?

- A) Stratford-upon-Avon
- B) Canterbury
- C) London**
- D) York

6. Bunraku, a traditional Japanese puppet theatre, developed significantly during the Edo period and is particularly associated with which major city?

- A) Hiroshima
- B) Sapporo
- C) Fukuoka
- D) Osaka**

7. Beijing Opera (Jingju), a highly synthesized form of Chinese opera, incorporates singing, dancing, acting, and acrobatics. Its modern development is most strongly linked to which capital city?

- A) Shanghai
- B) Guangzhou
- C) Beijing**
- D) Xi'an

8. The ancient Roman amphitheatre known as the Colosseum, which hosted gladiatorial contests and public spectacles, is located in which modern-day city?

- A) Pompeii
- B) Verona
- C) Rome**
- D) Florence

9. Balinese dance-drama, a complex fusion of dance, music, and drama, often tells stories from Hindu epics and mythology. This art form is indigenous to which Indonesian island?

- A) Java
- B) Sumatra
- C) Bali**
- D) Lombok

10. The Globe Theatre reconstruction, a faithful replica of Shakespeare's original playhouse, is situated in which specific Southwark location in London?

- A) Bankside**
- B) Borough Market
- C) Shad Thames
- D) South Bank Centre

11. Yoruba folk opera, a significant theatrical tradition from Nigeria, often uses music, dance, and satire to address social and political issues. This performance style is prominent in which southwestern region of Nigeria?

- A) Northern Nigeria
- B) Eastern Nigeria
- C) Southeastern Nigeria
- D) Southwestern Nigeria**

12. The Kabuki theatre, a classical Japanese dance-drama known for its elaborate makeup, costumes, and dramatic acting style, originated in the early 17th century in which Japanese city?

- A) Osaka
- B) Kyoto
- C) Edo (modern Tokyo)**
- D) Nagoya