

Middle School Music Theory Fundamentals

Music Theory · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. What is the term for the distance between two musical notes?

- A) Rhythm
- B) Tempo
- C) Interval**
- D) Melody

2. Which clef is most commonly used for the treble (G) clef?

- A) Bass Clef
- B) Alto Clef
- C) Treble Clef**
- D) Tenor Clef

3. A whole note typically receives how many beats in 4/4 time?

- A) 1 beat
- B) 2 beats
- C) 3 beats
- D) 4 beats**

4. What is the name of the scale that consists of seven notes, with a specific pattern of whole and half steps?

- A) Pentatonic Scale
- B) Chromatic Scale
- C) Major Scale**
- D) Blues Scale

5. Which of the following is a symbol that raises a note by a half step?

- A) Flat (?)
- B) Natural (?)
- C) Sharp (#)**
- D) Fermata

6. A triad is a chord consisting of how many notes?

- A) Two notes
- B) Three notes**
- C) Four notes
- D) Five notes

7. What does the time signature '3/4' indicate?

- A) Four beats per measure, with the quarter note getting one beat.
- B) Three beats per measure, with the quarter note getting one beat.**
- C) Three beats per measure, with the half note getting one beat.
- D) Four beats per measure, with the eighth note getting one beat.

8. Which of the following is the lowest note in the musical alphabet before it repeats?

- A) G
- B) A**
- C) B
- D) C

9. What term describes the speed of music?

- A) Dynamics
- B) Tempo**
- C) Articulation
- D) Timbre

10. A note that is held for twice the duration of a regular note of the same type is indicated by which symbol?

- A) Tie**
- B) Slur
- C) Staccato
- D) Accent

11. What is the relationship between the tonic note and the fifth note of a major scale?

- A) It is a major third.
- B) It is a perfect fifth.**
- C) It is a minor sixth.
- D) It is a perfect fourth.

12. Which of the following is the opposite of legato?

- A) Crescendo
- B) Staccato**
- C) Forte
- D) Pianissimo