

Classical Music Masterclass

Classical Music · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which of these composers was born in the same year as George Frideric Handel, specifically in 1685?

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

2. In a standard symphony orchestra, which instrument belongs to the brass family and is the only one to use a slide rather than valves to change pitch?

- A) French Horn
- B) Trombone**
- C) Tuba
- D) Trumpet

3. What is the musical term for a composition written for a solo instrument accompanied by an orchestra, usually consisting of three movements?

- A) Sonata
- B) Symphony
- C) Concerto**
- D) Overture

4. Which famous composer wrote 'The Four Seasons', a set of four violin concertos that represent the changing weather patterns?

- A) Franz Joseph Haydn
- B) Arcangelo Corelli
- C) Antonio Vivaldi**
- D) Claudio Monteverdi

5. Which part of the string family is typically the largest in size and plays the lowest pitches in an orchestral section?

- A) Cello
- B) Viola
- C) Double Bass**
- D) Violin

6. Ludwig van Beethoven lived during the transition between two major musical eras. Which ones were they?

A) Baroque and Classical

B) Classical and Romantic

C) Renaissance and Baroque

D) Romantic and Modern

7. Which composer is often nicknamed 'Papa' because he is considered the 'father' of both the symphony and the string quartet?

A) Franz Joseph Haydn

B) Johannes Brahms

C) Felix Mendelssohn

D) Gustav Mahler

8. What does the Italian musical term 'presto' indicate to the performer regarding the tempo of the piece?

A) Very slowly

B) At a walking pace

C) Very fast

D) Gradually getting louder

9. Which instrument requires the performer to use pedals to change the pitch of its strings, as it does not have a chromatic keyboard?

A) Harpsichord

B) Harp

C) Celesta

D) Organ

10. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart wrote a famous opera that features a character named Papageno, who is a bird catcher. What is the title of this opera?

A) Don Giovanni

B) The Marriage of Figaro

C) The Magic Flute

D) Così fan tutte