

Music Appreciation Essentials

Music · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which family of instruments does the flute belong to?

- A) Brass
- B) Percussion
- C) Woodwind**
- D) String

2. What does a tempo marking tell a musician?

- A) How loud to play
- B) How fast to play**
- C) Which note to play
- D) When to stop playing

3. How many beats does a whole note typically receive in 4/4 time?

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

4. Which of these instruments produces sound by vibrating strings?

- A) Cello**
- B) Trumpet
- C) Snare drum
- D) Clarinet

5. What is the name of the symbol used to indicate the end of a piece of music?

- A) Double bar line**
- B) Treble clef
- C) Time signature
- D) Sharp sign

6. Which dynamic marking indicates playing very softly?

- A) Forte
- B) Piano
- C) Mezzo-forte
- D) Pianissimo**

7. In music, what is the distance between two different pitches called?

A) An interval

B) A rhythm

C) A melody

D) A chord

8. Which clef is most commonly used for higher-pitched instruments like the violin?

A) Bass clef

B) Treble clef

C) Alto clef

D) Tenor clef

9. Which percussion instrument is tuned to specific pitches?

A) Cymbals

B) Tambourine

C) Timpani

D) Triangle

10. What is the Italian term for playing music in a loud volume?

A) Piano

B) Allegro

C) Forte

D) Largo

11. Which group of instruments is traditionally made of brass and played by blowing into a mouthpiece?

A) Woodwind

B) Strings

C) Brass

D) Percussion

12. What does the top number in a time signature represent?

A) The number of beats per measure

B) The type of note that gets one beat

C) The tempo

D) The key signature

13. Which of these is a woodwind instrument that uses a reed?

A) Flute

B) Clarinet

C) Trumpet

D) Tuba

14. What is the definition of a musical staff?

- A) The song title
- B) Five lines and four spaces**
- C) The speed of the song
- D) The type of instrument

15. What is the term for a group of musical notes played together at the same time?

- A) Melody
- B) Scale
- C) Chord**
- D) Beat

16. Which composer is famous for writing the 'Four Seasons'?

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

17. What is a resting period in a piece of music where no sound is played called?

- A) A beat
- B) A rest**
- C) A measure
- D) A tie

18. Which instrument is known as the 'king' of the percussion section?

- A) Bass drum
- B) Xylophone
- C) Snare drum
- D) Timpani**

19. What does the sharp sign (#) do to a note?

- A) Lowers it by a half step
- B) Raises it by a half step**
- C) Keeps it the same
- D) Cancels a previous sharp

20. What is a melody?

- A) A series of musical tones arranged in a specific sequence**
- B) The volume of the song
- C) The background harmony
- D) The speed of the notes