

Fundamentals of Drama and Theatre

Drama & Theatre · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Which famous playwright is the author of 'Romeo and Juliet'?

- A) William Shakespeare**
- B) Oscar Wilde
- C) George Bernard Shaw
- D) Christopher Marlowe

2. What is the term for the area of a stage that extends past the proscenium arch and towards the audience?

- A) Backstage
- B) Wings
- C) Apron**
- D) Gallery

3. In ancient Greek theatre, what was the semicircular space where the chorus performed called?

- A) Skene
- B) Orchestra**
- C) Parodos
- D) Theatron

4. What is a 'soliloquy' in a dramatic play?

- A) A conversation between two characters
- B) A character speaking their inner thoughts aloud alone on stage**
- C) A comedic relief scene
- D) The final speech of a play

5. Which term describes the 'instructions' written by a playwright to describe movement, set, or character tone?

- A) Dialogue
- B) Libretto
- C) Stage directions**
- D) Monologue

6. Who is credited with being the first actor in Western theatre, stepping out of the Greek chorus to speak dialogue?

- A) Sophocles
- B) Aeschylus
- C) Thespis**
- D) Euripides

7. What is the 'proscenium' in a traditional theatre?

- A) The seating area for the audience
- B) The frame or arch that separates the stage from the auditorium**
- C) The lighting equipment room
- D) The curtain used for scene changes

8. Which genre of play is traditionally designed to be lighthearted and end with a marriage or happy resolution?

- A) Tragedy
- B) Farce
- C) Satire
- D) Comedy**