

Nature and Animals in Classical Music

Classical Music · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which composer wrote 'The Swan' as part of 'The Carnival of the Animals'?

- A) Camille Saint-Saëns**
- B) Ludwig van Beethoven
- C) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- D) Johann Sebastian Bach

2. Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons' is a set of concertos that depicts the changing of what?

- A) Musical instruments
- B) Seasons of the year**
- C) Ocean tides
- D) Phases of the moon

3. In Beethoven's 'Pastoral' Symphony No. 6, which bird is represented by the flute?

- A) Owl
- B) Eagle
- C) Nightingale**
- D) Penguin

4. Rimsky-Korsakov composed a famous orchestral piece about the flight of which insect?

- A) Ant
- B) Bumblebee**
- C) Butterfly
- D) Dragonfly

5. Which composer wrote the 'Symphony No. 6', which includes sounds representing a thunderstorm?

- A) Franz Schubert
- B) Ludwig van Beethoven**
- C) Claude Debussy
- D) Joseph Haydn

6. The piece 'The Moldau' by Bedrich Smetana depicts the journey of what natural feature?

- A) A mountain
- B) A forest
- C) A river**
- D) A volcano

7. Ottorino Respighi wrote a symphonic poem titled 'The Pines of...' which location?

A) Rome

B) Paris

C) London

D) Berlin

8. Which composer wrote a collection titled 'Lyric Pieces' which includes 'To the Spring'?

A) Edvard Grieg

B) Johannes Brahms

C) Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

D) Felix Mendelssohn

9. Claude Debussy's 'La Mer' is a famous orchestral composition inspired by what?

A) The desert

B) The forest

C) The sea

D) The mountains

10. Which composer wrote 'The Trout' quintet, inspired by a song he previously wrote about a fish?

A) Franz Schubert

B) Gustav Mahler

C) Antonín Dvořák

D) Robert Schumann

11. The 'Cuckoo' is a famous movement in which composer's 'The Carnival of the Animals'?

A) Camille Saint-Saëns

B) Maurice Ravel

C) Igor Stravinsky

D) Sergei Prokofiev

12. 'The Lark Ascending' is a famous piece for violin and orchestra by which composer?

A) Ralph Vaughan Williams

B) Edward Elgar

C) Benjamin Britten

D) Gustav Holst

13. Which composer wrote the 'Peer Gynt' suite, which includes 'Morning Mood' representing the sunrise?

- A) Edvard Grieg**
- B) Jean Sibelius
- C) Béla Bartók
- D) Richard Wagner

14. The movement 'Aquarium' from 'The Carnival of the Animals' uses the piano to represent what?

- A) Moving water**
- B) Falling rain
- C) A thunderstorm
- D) Wind

15. 'Winter' is one of the four concertos in the work 'The Four Seasons' by which Italian composer?

- A) Antonio Vivaldi**
- B) Arcangelo Corelli
- C) Giuseppe Verdi
- D) Gioachino Rossini

16. Which composer is famous for the 'Grand Canyon Suite', depicting a natural landscape in the USA?

- A) Ferde Grofé**
- B) Aaron Copland
- C) George Gershwin
- D) Leonard Bernstein

17. The piece 'In a Mountain Path' is associated with which composer's love for nature?

- A) Jean Sibelius**
- B) Sergei Rachmaninoff
- C) Dmitri Shostakovich
- D) Modest Mussorgsky

18. Which animal is depicted in the movement 'The Elephant' from Saint-Saëns' suite?

- A) Elephant**
- B) Giraffe
- C) Lion
- D) Zebra