Music Appreciation Fundamentals

Music · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which string instrument is the smallest and has the highest pitch in a standard orchestra?

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

2. Which of these instruments belongs to the woodwind family?

A) Trumpet
B) Flute
C) Trombone
D) Tuba

3. What is the name of the symbol that tells a musician to be silent for a specific amount of time?

A) Rest
B) Clef
C) Note
D) Sharp

4. Which famous composer wrote 'The Four Seasons' concerto?

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

5. How many strings does a standard acoustic guitar usually have?

A) 4
B) 6
C) 8
D) 10

6. Which part of the drum kit is played by using a foot pedal?

A) Snare drum
B) Cymbal
C) Bass drum
D) Tom-tom

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7. What term describes how fast or slow a piece of music is played?

A) Volume
B) Pitch
C) Tempo
D) Rhythm

8. Which instrument uses a slide to change its pitch?

A) French Horn
B) Clarinet
C) Trombone
D) Oboe

9. In music notation, what does a 'sharp' symbol (#) do to a note?

A) Makes it higher
B) Makes it lower
C) Makes it louder
D) Makes it quieter

10. Which percussion instrument is played by striking metal bars with mallets?

A) Xylophone
B) Triangle
C) Tambourine
D) Castanets

11. Which family of instruments does the Tuba belong to?

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

12. What is the name for a group of musicians playing together in a large ensemble?

A) Solo
B) Duo
C) Orchestra
D) Beat

13. Which of these is a keyboard instrument that produces sound by hammers hitting strings?

A) Organ
B) Piano
C) Accordion
D) Synthesizer

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14. What does the 'forte' marking tell a musician to do?

A) Play softly
B) Play slowly
C) Play loudly
D) Play fast

15. Which instrument is often associated with jazz and has a single reed in its mouthpiece?

A) Saxophone
B) Flute
C) Trumpet
D) Violin

16. What do we call the pulse or the steady beat that you tap your foot to in a song?

A) Melody
B) Harmony
C) Tempo
D) Rhythm

17. Which instrument is held between the knees and is larger than a violin?

A) Double Bass
B) Cello
C) Viola
D) Harp

18. What is the name of the staff that uses a G-clef (Treble clef)?

A) Bass staff
B) Treble staff
C) Grand staff
D) Rhythm staff

19. Which of these is a double-reed woodwind instrument?

A) Clarinet
B) Bassoon
C) Flute
D) Piccolo

20. What is the name of a song that is sung by one person?

A) Solo
B) Duet
C) Chorus
D) Ensemble