Music Theory for Little Scholars

Music Theory · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. What is the name of the symbol placed at the beginning of a staff to indicate the pitch of the notes?

A) Clef
B) Chord
C) Beat
D) Tempo

2. In a 4/4 time signature, how many beats does a whole note receive?

A) 1
B) 2
C) 4
D) 8

3. Which musical term indicates that a piece of music should be played very softly?

A) Forte
B) Piano
C) Staccato
D) Legato

4. On a standard musical staff, how many lines are there?

A) 3
B) 4
C) 5
D) 6

5. What is the distance between two notes with the same letter name, such as from C to the next C above it?

A) An interval
B) An octave
C) A scale
D) A rest

6. Which of these symbols tells a musician to remain silent for a specific duration?

A) Note
B) Rest
C) Clef
D) Bar line

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7. What is the term for the speed at which a piece of music is played?

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

8. Which note value is equal to half of a quarter note?

A) Eighth note
B) Half note
C) Whole note
D) Sixteenth note

9. What do two vertical lines at the end of a musical staff represent?

A) A repeat sign
B) A double bar line
C) A rest
D) A dynamic change

10. In music theory, what are the names of the spaces on the treble clef staff from bottom to top?

A) E-G-B-D-F
B) F-A-C-E
C) A-C-E-G
D) G-B-D-F-A

11. Which of these terms describes playing notes in a smooth, connected manner?

A) Staccato
B) Legato
C) Accent
D) Forte

12. What does a dot placed to the right of a note do to its duration?

A) Cuts it in half
B) Doubles it
C) Adds half of the note's original value
D) Removes the duration

13. Which term describes the 'loudness' or 'softness' of music?

A) Pitch
B) Dynamics
C) Timbre
D) Melody

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14. How many eighth notes are required to equal the duration of one half note?

A) 2
B) 4
C) 8
D) 16

15. What is the lowest note on the treble clef staff?

A) Middle C
B) E
C) F
D) G

16. Which note sits directly below the first line of the treble clef?

A) D
B) Middle C
C) B
D) A

17. What musical term means to play a note in a detached or 'short' manner?

A) Legato
B) Staccato
C) Piano
D) Crescendo

18. Which clef is primarily used for higher-pitched instruments like the violin?

A) Bass Clef
B) Alto Clef
C) Treble Clef
D) Tenor Clef

19. What is the purpose of a bar line in music?

A) To show the end of the song
B) To divide music into measures
C) To change the tempo
D) To indicate loudness

20. Which of these rhythmic values is the longest in standard common time?

A) Quarter note
B) Eighth note
C) Whole note
D) Half note

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21. What does the top number in a 3/4 time signature indicate?

A) The beat note
B) The number of beats per measure
C) The speed of the song
D) The volume level

22. What is a group of sharps or flats at the beginning of a staff called?

A) Key signature
B) Time signature
C) Dynamic mark
D) Tempo mark

23. Which dynamic marking means to play 'loudly'?

A) Piano
B) Mezzo
C) Forte
D) Staccato

24. What is the name for the distance between two musical pitches?

A) Scale
B) Interval
C) Octave
D) Beat

25. In common time (4/4), how many quarter notes fit into one measure?

A) 2
B) 3
C) 4
D) 6