Drama and Theatre Basics

Drama · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What is the term for the written text of a play that includes dialogue and stage directions?

A) Score
B) Script
C) Libretto
D) Novel

2. Which part of a theatre is where the actors perform in front of the audience?

A) Backstage
B) Box Office
C) Stage
D) Green Room

3. What is the name of the person who writes a play?

A) Director
B) Playwright
C) Producer
D) Choreographer

4. In theatre, what are 'props'?

A) Objects used by actors during a performance
B) The lighting equipment
C) The costumes
D) The script pages

5. What is the term for the area behind the stage where actors wait before their entrance?

A) House
B) Wings
C) Balcony
D) Orchestra pit

6. Which professional is responsible for overseeing the entire artistic vision and guiding the actors in a play?

A) Stage Manager
B) Director
C) Costume Designer
D) Usher

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7. What do we call the clothing worn by actors to help portray their character?

A) Uniforms
B) Costumes
C) Props
D) Sets

8. What is the 'house' in a theatre?

A) The room where actors sleep
B) The area where the audience sits
C) The storage for sets
D) The theatre office

9. Which type of performance tells a story primarily through music and singing?

A) Monologue
B) Musical
C) Pantomime
D) Improvisation

10. What is a 'monologue'?

A) A speech performed by one actor
B) A dance performed by a group
C) A song sung by two people
D) A conversation between many characters

11. What is the purpose of a 'spotlight' on stage?

A) To decorate the floor
B) To illuminate a specific actor or area
C) To signal the end of the show
D) To keep the audience warm

12. What is 'pantomime' in theatre?

A) Acting without using words
B) Acting with puppets
C) A play about animals
D) A type of comedy based on scripts

13. What is the 'scenery' or 'set' of a play?

A) The costumes worn by the cast
B) The furniture and background used to represent the location
C) The soundtrack played during the show
D) The programs given to the audience

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14. What is the term for the person who manages the sound, lights, and stage movements during a live show?

A) Stage Manager
B) Playwright
C) Critic
D) Audience member

15. Which part of the theatre is the 'proscenium'?

A) The ticket counter
B) The arch that frames the stage
C) The velvet curtains
D) The balcony seats

16. What are 'stage directions' in a script?

A) Instructions on how to move or act
B) The lines of dialogue to be spoken
C) The list of actors in the play
D) The names of the theatre owners

17. What is an 'intermission' in a theatrical performance?

A) The final bow
B) A short break during the show
C) The opening scene
D) The rehearsal period

18. Which theatre term refers to the process of practicing a play before it is performed for an audience?

A) Rehearsal
B) Performance
C) Matinee
D) Audition

19. What is a 'matinee' performance?

A) A performance held at night
B) A performance held in the afternoon
C) An outdoor performance
D) A performance without music

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20. What is an 'audition'?

A) A process where actors show their skills to get a role

B) The act of building the stage

C) The cleaning of the theatre

D) A meeting for the audience