Milestones in Music History

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1. Who is credited with inventing the phonograph, the first device capable of recording and reproducing sound, in 1877?

A) Thomas Edison
B) Alexander Graham Bell
C) Nikola Tesla
D) Guglielmo Marconi

2. What is the name of the oldest known musical instrument, a flute made from a vulture bone found in a cave in Germany?

A) Didgeridoo
B) Hohle Fels flute
C) Pan flute
D) Recorder

3. Which invention in the early 20th century allowed music to be broadcast wirelessly to mass audiences for the first time?

A) Television
B) The printing press
C) Radio
D) The cassette tape

4. In 1979, which portable device revolutionized how people listened to music by allowing them to carry cassettes on the go?

A) iPod
B) Walkman
C) Discman
D) Boombox

5. What was the primary medium used to store and distribute recorded music commercially before the invention of the vinyl record?

A) Wax cylinder
B) Magnetic tape
C) CD
D) MP3

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6. Which company released the first commercially successful compact disc (CD) player in 1982?

A) Apple
B) Sony
C) Microsoft
D) Samsung

7. Who is often referred to as the 'Father of the Symphony' for his contribution to the development of the classical symphonic form?

A) Ludwig van Beethoven
B) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
C) Joseph Haydn
D) Johann Sebastian Bach

8. The 'metronome', a device used to keep a steady tempo, was patented in 1815 by whom?

A) Dietrich Nikolaus Winkel
B) Johann Nepomuk Maelzel
C) Ludwig van Beethoven
D) Franz Liszt

9. What was the first music video to ever be aired on MTV when it launched in 1981?

A) Thriller
B) Video Killed the Radio Star
C) Bohemian Rhapsody
D) Billie Jean

10. The electric guitar, specifically the 'Frying Pan', was developed in which decade?

A) 1930s
B) 1950s
C) 1970s
D) 1920s

11. Which musical notation system, developed by Guido of Arezzo in the 11th century, is the ancestor of modern staff notation?

A) Tablature
B) Neumatic notation
C) Staff notation
D) Graphic notation

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12. What digital audio format, introduced in the 1990s, allowed music files to be compressed significantly for easier sharing on the internet?

A) WAV
B) FLAC
C) MP3
D) MIDI

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