

# 2024-2025 Multiple Choice Quiz SAMPLE - KEY

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. What is the title of the selection composed for Prince George of Denmark, the husband of Queen Anne?  
**A. The Prince of Denmark's March**  
B. Take the "A" Train  
C. Promenade  
D. Gna, Gna (Go, Go)
2. What is the term for a child (under age 12) who displays a talent in music on the same level as a skilled adult musician?  
A. Child genius  
**B. Musical prodigy**  
C. Virtuoso performer  
D. Wunderkind
3. What style of singing uses graceful legato melodies that are decorated with many precise, rapidly-moving notes?  
A. Improvisation  
B. Articulation  
C. *Prestissimo*  
**D. Bel canto**
4. What two composers collaborated for almost 30 years, creating pieces for a big band?  
A. Johannes Brahms and Antonin Dvořák  
B. Modest Mussorgsky and Maurice Ravel  
**C. Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn**  
D. Alfred Reed and Dr. Harry Begian
5. Which perfectionist composer destroyed many of his compositions before they were published?  
A. Schubert  
**B. Brahms**  
C. Beethoven  
D. Debussy

6. Which composer had twenty children, four of whom were composers?
- A. Bach**
  - B. Tchaikovsky
  - C. Falla
  - D. Clarke
7. What is the term for the many different ways that notes can be played on an instrument, such as the style of attack and the manner in which notes are connected or separated?
- A. *Staccato*
  - B. Texture
  - C. Articulation**
  - D. *Arco*
8. What is the musical term for the last, or final movement of a sonata, concerto, or symphony?
- A. Coda
  - B. *Libretto*
  - C. *Ritornello*
  - D. Finale**
9. What type of composition, usually in three parts or movements, is composed for solo instrument(s) and orchestra?
- A. Ternary form
  - B. Requiem
  - C. Concerto**
  - D. Symphony
10. What is the musical term that indicates that a note is emphasized by making it louder?
- A. Military band
  - B. Accent**
  - C. *Crescendo*
  - D. *Quasi Marcia*

11. What is the term for a story told through music and dancing, performed on a stage with costumes, sets, and lighting?
- A. Madrigal
  - B. Requiem
  - C. Ballet**
  - D. Opera
12. What type of ensemble consists of a large group of 20-60 musicians who play instruments from the woodwind, brass, and percussion families?
- A. Symphony orchestra
  - B. Concert band**
  - C. Chamber orchestra
  - D. Big band
13. What Italian term means “in the style of the chapel” and indicates that the music is performed without instrumental accompaniment?
- A. *Ritornello*
  - B. *Opera buffa*
  - C. *Badinerie*
  - D. A cappella**
14. What is the name of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century artistic style of poets, painters, and composers who tried to capture a fleeting moment or impression, using subtle blends and shades of color?
- A. Impressionism**
  - B. Jazz
  - C. Romanticism
  - D. Nationalism
15. What is the term for a musical part that supports or partners with a solo instrument, voice, or group?
- A. *Basso continuo*
  - B. Contrabassoon
  - C. Accompaniment**
  - D. Trio

16. Which composer was the conductor on the opening night of Carnegie Hall in New York City in 1891?
- A. Elgar
  - B. Tchaikovsky**
  - C. Price
  - D. Verdi
17. What type of composition for choir and orchestra is written to honor someone who has died?
- A. *Opera seria*
  - B. Requiem**
  - C. Serenade
  - D. Promenade
18. "The Graduation March" comes from what composition?
- A. 1812 Overture
  - B. The Prince of Denmark's March
  - C. Pomp and Circumstance: March No. 1**
  - D. The Barber of Seville: Zitti, zitti, piano, piano
19. Which composer was a member of the Russian Imperial Guard and also worked at several civil service jobs?
- A. Tchaikovsky
  - B. Lassus
  - C. Bizet
  - D. Mussorgsky**
20. What type of composition is a story told completely through music in which the characters sing with an orchestra accompanying them and act out the story on a stage with costumes, scenery, props, and choreography?
- A. Opera**
  - B. Ballet
  - C. Requiem
  - D. Ballad