

Quiz 1



1) Johann Sebastian Bach was born in the year 1685 and died in the year 1750.

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Based on the time periods given below, which period of music history does he fall under?

- a) Renaissance period: AD 1400–1600
- b) Baroque: 1600–1750
- c) Classical: 1750–1820
- d) Romantic: Around AD1800–1910
- e) 20th- and 21st-century:
After AD1900



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2) J. S. Bach had 20 children, of whom only ten survived to adulthood. Amongst these, several children grew up to become accomplished musicians and composers themselves.

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Who are the two most well-known sons to this day?

- a) Catharina Dorothea Bach and Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach
- b) Wilhelm Friedemann Bach and Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach
- c) Johann Sebastian Bach and Wilhelm Friedemann Bach
- d) Johann Ambrosius Bach and Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach



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3) Johann Sebastian Bach spelt his surname, B-A-C-H, in musical pitches in a few of the pieces he wrote, such as the last fugue of his The Art of Fugue.

What musical pitches are spelt with B-A-C-H?

- a) B flat – A – C – B natural
- b) B natural – A – C – B flat
- c) B natural – A – C – E flat
- d) B sharp – A – C – B natural



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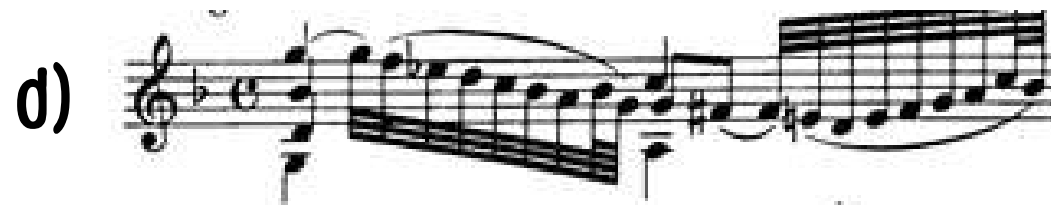


4) The picture below is from the first movement from Bach's Unaccompanied Violin Sonata in G minor, BWV 1001, written by hand with a quill pen by Bach himself.

Study carefully the opening (first bar) of this handwritten music, then choose the correct one of the modern notation below.



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1) Haydn was sometimes referred to as the
Father of the Symphony.
How many symphonies did he compose?

- a) 9
- b) 40
- c) 57
- d) 106



Quiz 2



2) Haydn wrote more than 100 pieces which included the instrument shown below, because his employer Nicholas Esterházy played it. The instrument was often played in the 18th century, but was no longer played after the end of the 18th century.

What is this instrument?



- a) Baryton
- b) Bass violin
- c) Viol
- d) Stroh violin



Quiz 2



3) Haydn did not have an easy life until he was nearly 30 years old. Which of the following was NOT one of his troubles during these early years?

a) During his childhood he was poor, and often hungry because he was not given enough food to eat. As a young adult, he worked hard as a freelance musician but was still unable to earn enough money.



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b) His teachers and parents gave him a lot of homework and assessments at school and music lessons, so he was always busy and tired. He often did not have enough time to finish his assignments.

c) He was a young composer who did not have an opportunity to study seriously with composition teachers. He could not learn as much music as he would have wished to, and had to depend mostly on unguided self-study and informal work experience.



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4) When Haydn was 29 years old, he was hired as a full-time employee of the Esterházy family, composing music and directing and managing the orchestra.

Who were the Esterházy's?

- a) A wealthy business family based in Budapest, the capital of Hungary
- b) A wealthy noble Hungarian family based in Budapest, the capital of Hungary
- c) A wealthy noble Hungarian family based in a remote area in rural Hungary



Quiz 3



1) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in the year 1756 and died in the year 1791.

Based on the time periods given below, in which period of music history does he fall?

- a) Renaissance period: 1400–1600
- b) Baroque period: 1600–1750
- c) Classical period: 1750–1820
- d) Romantic period: Around 1800–1910
- e) 20th- and 21st-century: After 1900



2) Where was W. A. Mozart born?



- a) In the city of Salzburg, in present-day Austria
- b) In the city of Sydney, in Australia
- c) In Vienna, the capital city of Austria





3) Please listen to the opening of Mozart's
Symphony No. 40
(1st movement, “Molto Allegro”, available on
youtube.com).

Which description below best describes the
sound quality and mood of this opening?



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- a) Very quiet and still, like inside Changi Airport during the Covid-19 circuit breaker period when everyone is home and there are few travelers
- b) Scary and heavy, like a crowd of angry elephants
- c) Impatient and noisy, like loud cars and lorries honking on the road
- d) Light and graceful, like insects in the forest waking up and buzzing here and there





4) The artwork below was painted by the artist Louis Arrogis Carmontelle around the year 1763, and shows the Mozart family on tour, making music. Who are the three people shown in the painting?



- a) The grown-up Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in red, together with his wife and son
- b) The child Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart sitting at the keyboard, with his father Leopold and sister Nannerl (Maria Anna)
- c) The child Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart sitting at the keyboard, with his mother (Anna Maria) and sister (Maria Anna)

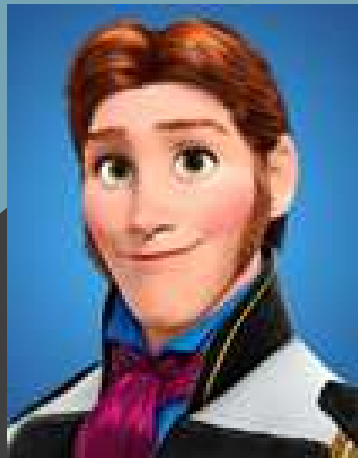


Quiz 4



1) Which of the following is a well-known portrait of Ludwig van Beethoven?

A



C



E



B



D



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2) During his 30s and 40s, Beethoven gradually became _____

(Fill in the blank with the correct answer below).

This was a very difficult time in his life, but with perseverance, mental strength, and his great love for music, he overcame this difficulty to achieve his most important musical accomplishments.

The works he composed during this period were some of his most famous masterpieces, including several symphonies, piano sonatas, and a violin concerto.



Quiz 4

- a) Blind
- b) Deaf
- c) Dumb
- d) Quadriplegic
- e) Mentally ill



Quiz 4



3) “I have never thought of writing for reputation and honour.

What I have in my heart must come out; that is the reason why I compose.”

This quote was Beethoven's explanation on what motivated him to compose music. From this, what do we know about the kind of person or musician he was?

- a) Intelligent and talented, but lazy
- b) Sincere, passionate, pure in heart
- c) Greedy, calculating, vain
- d) Dependable, reliable and considerate



Quiz 4



4) Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is known as the "Choral Symphony" as its last movement includes four solo singers and a chorus.

He took the words of this piece from a poem composed by Friedrich Schiller, "Ode to Joy", which celebrates the brotherhood and unity of humankind.

This music and text is CURRENTLY used as the official anthem of which of the countries (or groups of countries) below?

- a) Germany
- b) European Union
- c) Canada
- d) United Nations

