

CLASSICAL MUSIC TRIVIA QUESTIONS II



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1> The time period between Johann Sebastian Bach and Ludwig Van Beethoven is known as...?

- a. Romantics
- b. The Golden Age
- c. Renaissance
- d. The New Age

2> Church music, often featuring choral parts, telling the story of Jesus, is called a...?

- a. Cantata
- b. Sonata
- c. Passion
- d. Chorale

3> Johann Sebastian Bach wrote five passions, of which two survived. One of them is St. John Passion. What is the other one?

- a. St. Luke Passion
- b. St. Matthew Passion
- c. St. Mark Passion
- d. St. Paul Passion

4> This famous German composer lost his hearing. Who?

- a. Joseph Haydn
- b. Ludwig Van Beethoven
- c. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- d. Johannes Brahms

5> Which composition school did Joseph Haydn belong to?

- a. First Viennese School
- b. Second Viennese School
- c. Venetian School
- d. Mannheim School

6> Who composed the famous Wedding March melody?

- a. Richard Wagner
- b. Giuseppe Verdi
- c. Felix Mendelssohn
- d. Robert Schumann

7> In classical music, a vocal composition with an instrumental accompaniment, often involving a choir, is called a/an...?

- a. Concerto
- b. Sonata
- c. Cantata
- d. Opera

8> Who is the author of the ballet The Nutcracker?

- a. Pyotr Tchaikovsky
- b. Alexander Borodin
- c. Niccolò Paganini
- d. Cesar Cui

9> The phrase "Three Bs", referring to the supreme composers, includes Bach, Beethoven and...?

- a. Bertin
- b. Brahms
- c. Bellini
- d. Berlioz

10> What is the meaning of the Portuguese word "Barroco"?

- a. Misshapen pearl

- b. Overly theatrical
- c. Golden curve
- d. Full splendor

11> According to his friend, violinist Karl Holz, the last musical work he wished to hear was Beethoven's String Quartet No. 14 in C sharp minor, Op. 131. Who?

- a. Louis Niedermeyer
- b. Franz Schubert
- c. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- d. Frederic Chopin

12> What was the nationality of Richard Wagner?

- a. English
- b. German
- c. Austrian
- d. Hungarian

13> His most famous work is "La Traviata". Who is he?

- a. Franz Liszt
- b. Giuseppe Verdi
- c. Gaetano Donizetti
- d. Gaspare Spontini

14> Robert Schumann composed in which musical era?

- a. Renaissance
- b. Romanticism
- c. Baroque
- d. Classicism

15> The name of this musical instrument maker is a synonym for superiority. Which instrument maker are we talking about?

- a. Jacob Stainer
- b. Antonio Stradivarius
- c. Giuseppe del Gesu
- d. Akira Sony

Answers:

- 1> The Golden Age - The term 'classical music' came to be in the 19th century.
- 2> Passion - The style of passions in classical music emerged in the 15th century.
- 3> St. Matthew Passion - We know that he wrote St. Mark Passion as well, but the fate of the other two is unknown.
- 4> Ludwig Van Beethoven - Many of Beethoven's pieces were written when he was already deaf.
- 5> First Viennese School - The First Viennese School is a name mostly used to refer to three composers – Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven.
- 6> Felix Mendelssohn - Mendelssohn also founded the Leipzig Conservatoire.
- 7> Cantata - Cantatas were in great demand in churches.
- 8> Pyotr Tchaikovsky - Tchaikovsky composed many pieces for the tsar Alexander III.
- 9> Brahms - It's Bach, Beethoven and Brahms, but Berlioz is sometimes added as the fourth.
- 10> Misshapen pearl - The name stuck to the music genre first, later on it became associated with architecture.
- 11> Franz Schubert - Schubert died of typhoid fever, or possibly syphilis.
- 12> German - His involvement with politics left him exiled from Germany.
- 13> Giuseppe Verdi - La traviata means 'The fallen woman'.
- 14> Romanticism - Schumann was confined to a mental institution at his own request.
- 15> Antonio Stradivarius - The techniques used by Antonio Stradivarius are still not known.