

True / False Questions

1. Much of today's music is tonal. **TRUE**

2. The term *key* refers to the tonal center of a given composition. **TRUE**

3. Another word for key is tonality. **TRUE**

4. The major scale has a number of lowered notes, which give it a "sadder" sound when compared with the minor scale. **FALSE**

5. The minor scale includes all the notes of the piano, both the black and white keys. **FALSE**

6. The interval that occurs between a white key on the piano and an adjacent black key is a whole step. **FALSE**

7. To lower a note by a half step, place a flat sign in front of the note. **TRUE**

8. Generally a piece of music will begin and end in the same key, even if the composer modulates to other keys in the middle. **TRUE**

9. Texture in music describes the interweaving of its vertical and horizontal aspects. **TRUE**

10. Two singers singing in unison can create monophonic music, even if they are an octave apart. **TRUE**

11. The term "voice" can also be used to describe an instrumental musical line. **TRUE**

12. A round or canon uses free imitation. **FALSE**

13. A musical composition can include both polyphonic and homophonic textures. **TRUE**

14. Homorhythmic texture means that all the voices are moving in the same rhythm causing the highest voice to be the dominant sound. **TRUE**

15. The term *contrapuntal texture* is synonymous with the term *homophonic texture*. **FALSE**

16. A repeated musical theme can provide the necessary unity to help keep a listener's interest. **TRUE**

17. Thematic variation does not really require retention of any of the original musical ideas. **FALSE**

18. Ternary form describes three-part music in which all three parts are completely different. **FALSE**

19. Binary form can incorporate any of these formations: AB, AABB, AAB, or ABB. **TRUE**

Multiple Choice Questions

20. Musical organization that uses the tonic as a sort of "home base" to provide a sense of completion is called

- A. monophony.
- B. counterpoint.
- <u>**C.**</u> tonality.
- D. polyphony.

21. The term used to describe a central note, scale, or chord is

A. texture.

B. form.

C. contrast

<u>**D.**</u> key.

22. Flats and sharps placed at the beginning of each line of music to indicate what key the work is in are referred to as

A. modulation.

<u>B.</u> the key signature.

C. a minor scale.

D. a chromatic scale.

23. A scale that uses all available notes is called a

A. major scale.

B. minor scale.

<u>**C.**</u> chromatic scale.

D. homophonic scale.

24. The only Western scale that is not used as a basis for a particular key because it lacks a "home base" is the

<u>A.</u> chromatic scale.

B. major scale.

C. minor scale.

D. polyphonic scale.

25. Which of these scales do composers use to create dissonance for special, dramatic effects?

<u>A.</u> Chromatic scale

B. Major scale

C. Minor scale

D. Modulation scale

26. Shifting from one key to another within a single composition is called

A. counterpoint.

B. canon.

C. variation

<u>**D.**</u> modulation.

27. When two singers sing the same pitch, even if they are an octave apart, they are said to be singing in

<u>A.</u> unison.

B. counterpoint.

C. imitation.

D. homophony.

28. Which of these pieces included on your CD has a monophonic texture?

- A. "Fair Phyllis" by Farmer
- B. "Ave Maria" by Josquin
- C. "When Jesus Wept" by Billings
- D. "Dies Irae," chant

29. The musical texture that is defined by independence and equality among multiple voices is

A. monophony.

<u>B.</u> polyphony.

C. homophony.

D. theme and variations.

30. This term is used to describe the technique of combining several melodic lines to create a polyphonic work.

- A. Repetition
- B. Modulation
- <u>C.</u> Counterpoint
- D. Texture

31. A composition that presents a musical idea in one voice then immediately presents it in a second voice is using a compositional technique called

A. Counterpoint

B. Syncopation

- **<u>C.</u>** Imitation
- D. Monophony

32. A round or canon results from this compositional technique.

- A. Imitation
- B. Theme and variations
- C. Variation
- D. Modulation
- 33. A round or canon is in a style of imitation called
- A. Simple imitation
- B. Variable imitation
- C. Standard imitation
- **D.** Strict imitation
- 34. Which of these pieces included on your CD is a round or canon?
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35. A singer accompanying him- or herself on a guitar is performing which type of music?

- A. Monophonic
- B. Polyphonic
- C. Homophonic
- D. Modulation

36. The organization of musical ideas in time is

A. texture.

<u>**B.**</u> form.

C. key.

D. contrast.

37. The formal structure that incorporates a beginning section, a contrasting middle section, and a repeat of the beginning section is called

A. binary form.

<u>B.</u> ternary form.

C. canon.

D. theme and variations.

Matching Questions

38. Match the words and their definitions.

1. Monophony	One melodic line with no accompaniment.	<u>1</u>
2. Homophony	Two or more melodies of equal interest.	<u>3</u>
3. Polyphony	A single predominant line of music with accompaniment.	2

39. Match the forms with their descriptions.

1. Ternary form	AB	<u>3</u>
2. Canon	ABA	<u>1</u>
3. Binary form	A polyphonic genre incorporating strict imitation	<u>2</u>

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