

# **Chapter 2: Beat, Meter and Rhythm: Simple Meters**

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Which note value is shown below?



- a. whole note
- b. half note
- c. quarter note
- d. eighth note

ANS: [b] REF: Musician's Guide, p. 25

2. Which note value is shown below?



- a. half note
- b. quarter note
- c. eighth note
- d. sixteenth note

ANS: [d] REF: Musician's Guide, p. 25

3. Which note value is shown below?



- a. whole note
- b. half note
- c. quarter note
- d. eighth note

ANS: [c] REF: Musician's Guide, p. 25

4. Which note value is shown below?



- a. whole note
- b. half note
- c. quarter note

d. eighth note

ANS: [a] REF: Musician's Guide, p. 25

5. Which note value is shown in this example?



- a. thirty-second notes
- b. eighth notes
- c. sixteenth notes
- d. sixty-fourth notes

ANS: [c] REF: Musician's Guide, p. 25

6. Which note values are used in the right hand in measure 4 of this excerpt from Bach's Invention No. 6 in E Major, BWV 777?



- a. eighth notes and sixteenth notes
- b. eighth notes and thirty-second notes
- c. sixteenth notes and sixty-fourth notes
- d. sixteenth notes and thirty-second notes

ANS: [d] REF: Musician's Guide, p. 25

7. What type of meter is the one shown in the following example, an excerpt from Bach's Invention No. 6 in E Major, BWV 777?



- a. simple triple
- b. compound triple

- c. simple duple
- d. compound duple

# ANS: [a]

FEEDBACK: {Beats are grouped together in groups of three per measure, making this a triple meter, and individual beats are divided into twos (as seen in m. 3-4), making it a simple meter.} REF: Musician's Guide, pp. 25-27

8. What type of meter is the one shown in the following example, an excerpt from Haydn's String Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 76 No. 4/ii?



- a. simple duple
- b. simple triple
- c. simple quadruple
- d. compound duple

### ANS: [b]

FEEDBACK: {The meter indicates that there are three beats grouped together into a measure. Despite the fact that there are no subdivisions of the beat in this excerpt, this time signature indicates a simple meter.}

REF: Musician's Guide, p. 27

9. What does the meter symbol indicate at the beginning of this excerpt from Mendelssohn's Songs Without Words in E Major, Op. 19 No. 1?



- a. It represents a simple duple meter
- b. It represents a simple triple meter
- c. It represents a simple quadruple meter
- d. It represents a compound quadruple meter

# ANS: [c]

FEEDBACK: {The symbol represents "common time," or 4/4 time, and is a simple quadruple meter. REF: Musician's Guide, pp. 26-27

10. What rest value is shown below?



- a. eighth rest
- b. whole rest
- c. half rest
- d. quarter rest

ANS: [b] REF: Musician's Guide, p. 30

11. What rest value is shown below?



- a. eighth rest
- b. whole rest
- c. half rest
- d. quarter rest

ANS: [c] REF: Musician's Guide, p. 30

12. What rest value is shown below?

- a. sixteenth rest
- b. whole rest
- c. half rest
- d. quarter rest

ANS: [d] REF: Musician's Guide, p. 30

13. What rest value is shown below?



- a. sixteenth rest
- b. whole rest
- c. half rest
- d. quarter rest

ANS: [a] REF: Musician's Guide, p. 30

- 14. What effect does a dot have on a note?
  - a. Doubles the value of a note.
  - b. Adds to a note half of its own value.
  - c. Subtracts half the value from a note.
  - d. Adds half the value plus a quarter the value of the note

ANS: [b] FEEDBACK: {A dot adds half the value of the note to the note.} REF: Musician's Guide, p. 30

- 15. If a piece is in 3/4 time, what is the beat unit?
  - a. half note
  - b. quarter note
  - c. eighth note
  - d. third note

ANS: [b] REF: Musician's Guide, p. 26

- 16. If a piece is in 4/8 time, what is the beat unit?
  - a. half note
  - b. quarter note

- c. eighth note
- d. sixteenth note

ANS: [c] REF: Musician's Guide, p. 26

- 17. If a piece is in 2/2 time, what is the beat unit?
  - a. half note
  - b. quarter note
  - c. whole note
  - d. eighth note

ANS: [a] REF: Musician's Guide, p. 26

18. Which of the following equals three beats in a 4/4 meter signature?



ANS: [b] REF: Musician's Guide, pp.

19. Which of the following is notated correctly?







ANS: [d] REF: Musician's Guide, pp. 34-35

- 20. Which tempo marking does not indicate a medium tempo?
  - a. andante
  - b. allegro
  - c. moderato
  - d. allegretto

ANS: [b] FEEDBACK: {The term *allegro* refers to a faster tempo.} REF: Musician's Guide, p. 37

21. Which measure might be used as the last measure of a piece that had this anacrusis?





ANS: [b]

FEEDBACK: {In a 3/4 meter, if the anacrusis is an eighth note the final measure will be notated as containing two and a half beats.}

REF: Musician's Guide, pp. 35-36

22. What note value would complete the given measure?



- REF: Musician's Guide, Chapter 2
- 23. Which of the following would complete the given incomplete measure?



ANS: [c] REF: Musician's Guide, Chapter 2



24. Which of the following rests would complete the following incomplete measure?





ANS: [a] REF: Musician's Guide, Chapter 2

25. Which of the following rests would complete the following incomplete measure?

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ANS: [b] REF: Musician's Guide, Chapter 2

26. Which is the correct meter for this excerpt?



# **TRUE/FALSE**

26. True or false: Music written in simple meters have beats that divide into twos.

ANS: [True]

FEEDBACK: {Music written in simple meters have beats that divide into twos.} REF: Musician's Guide, p. 20

27. True or false: Music written in compound meters have beats that divide into either twos or threes.

ANS: [False]

FEEDBACK: {Music written in compound meters have beats that divide into threes.} REF: Musician's Guide, p. 20

28. True or false: When beats group into units of two, the meter is called triple.

ANS: [False]

FEEDBACK: {When beats group into units of two, the meter is called duple.} REF: Musician's Guide, p. 22

29. True or false: When beats group into units of three, the meter is called compound.

ANS: [False]

FEEDBACK: {When beats group into units of three, the meter is called triple. If a beat is *divided* into threes, it is called compound.}

REF: Musician's Guide, pp. 20-22

30. True or false: A simple triple meter would consist of beats that divide into twos and group by threes.

# ANS: [True]

FEEDBACK: {Simple refers to the division of the beats; a simple meter means each beat divides into twos. Triple refers to the grouping of the beats; a triple meter means that the beats group in threes.} REF: Musician's Guide, p. 22

31. True or false: Meter and rhythm are the same thing.

#### ANS: [False]

FEEDBACK: {Meter is a grouping of strong and weak beats. Rhythm is the duration of pitches and silences actually used in a piece.} REF: Musician's Guide, p. 24

32. True or false: This note value is called a whole note.



ANS: [False] FEEDBACK: {The note value shown is a half note.} REF: Musician's Guide, p. 25

33. True or false: The notes in the last two measures of this excerpt (from Brahms Symphony No. 4 in E minor) are connected by a slur.



ANS: [False]

FEEDBACK: {The notes in the last two measures are connected by a tie.} REF: Musician's Guide, p. 31

34. True or false: This example contains notes that are tied to other notes.



### ANS: [True]

FEEDBACK: {All of the arcs connecting noteheads represent ties, which connect the noteheads of two identical pitches and combine the duration of the note values together.} REF: Musician's Guide, p. 31

35. True or false: Rhythmic patterns should be grouped by beaming to reflect the beat unit.

ANS: [True]

REF: Musician's Guide, p. 34

36. True or false: A piece in 3/4 that begins with a quarter-note anacrusis may end with a measure containing a dotted half note.

ANS: [False] FEEDBACK: {A piece in 3/4 that begins with a quarter-note anacrusis will have a final measure consisting of only two beats.}

REF: Musician's Guide, pp. 35-36

37. True or false: The upbeat is considered to be the strongest beat in a measure.

# ANS: [False]

FEEDBACK: {The downbeat is considered to be the strongest beat in a measure. REF: Musician's Guide, p. 23

38. True or false: In notating vocal music, follow the same beaming rules as instrumental music.

ANS: [False]

FEEDBACK: {In vocal music, beaming frequently corresponds to syllabic subdivisions in the text.} REF: Musician's Guide, p. 34

39. True or false: If a single pitch is above the middle line of the staff, the stem should be drawn on the left side of the notehead, extending downward.

ANS: [True]

REF: Musician's Guide, p. 33

40. True or false: The term *largo* refers to a slow tempo.

ANS: [True]

REF: Musician's Guide, p. 37