

# MUSIC HISTORY EXAM

## *20<sup>th</sup> Century/Modern Era*

### *Part 1*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Multiple Choice** – Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question:

1. The generally accepted dates for the 20<sup>th</sup> Century / Modern Era of music history are:

- a. 1750 to 1820
- b. 1820 to 1900
- c. 1820 to Present Day
- d. 1900 to Present Day

2. Completion: List two important inventions from the Modern Era (1 pt. each):

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Completion: List two important events that occurred in the Modern Era (1 pt. each):

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Completion: List two important advances in science & medicine from the Modern Era (1 pt. each):

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Wind Bands in early America were:

- a. popular music groups in early America
- b. an outgrowth of British military bands
- c. used by military regiments during the Civil War
- d. all of the above

6. Known as “The March King”, this person was the most important historical figure in the world of band music:

- a. Charles Ives
- b. Aaron Copland
- c. John Philip Sousa
- d. Hildegard of Bingen

7. Aaron Copland’s Music:

- a. had a distinctly American style
- b. represents a blend of classical, folk, and jazz
- c. portrayed rural life in America
- d. all of the above

8. What type of band in Mexico uses string instruments and trumpets:

- a. the Mexico Symphony
- b. a Mariachi Band
- c. a Cinco de Mayo ensemble
- d. all of the above

9. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the cultural center of America was in:

- a. California
- b. Mexico
- c. New York
- d. Bucktown

10. A light, comedic, theatrical variety show that was very popular in America in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century was:

- a. Broadway
- b. Vaudeville
- c. Tin Pan Alley
- d. Mariachi

11. The nickname given to the writers and publishers of the music industry in New York was:

- a. Tin Pan Alley
- b. Vaudeville
- c. Broadway
- d. Music Writers Guild

12. Scott Joplin composed \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, two types of “Ragtime” songs:

- a. Stars & Stripes Forever and Semper Fidelis
- b. Claire de Lune and La Mer
- c. Simple Gifts and Fanfare for the Common Man
- d. Maple Leaf Rag and The Entertainer

13. A form of American folk music based on a simple, repeated musical pattern that is usually 12 or 16 bars in length and characterized by a “blue note” bent slightly out of tune is called:

- a. 12-tone music
- b. serialism
- c. the Blues
- d. New Orleans Jazz

14. In the world of musical theater, a famous pairing of a lyricist and composer is that of:

- a. Lerner & Loewe
- b. Rodgers & Hammerstein
- c. both a & b
- d. neither a nor b

15. One of the first American composers & conductors to receive worldwide acclaim was:

- a. George Gershwin
- b. Aaron Copland
- c. Leonard Bernstein
- d. Mr. Mengel

16. John Williams, Jerry Goldsmith, Hans Zimmer, Danny Elfman, and Michael Giacchino are composers of:

- a. big band music
- b. jazz music
- c. Broadway musicals
- d. film (movie) music

17. The music from *Star Wars*, *E.T.*, *Superman*, *Indiana Jones*, *Jurassic Park*, and *Harry Potter* was composed by:

- a. Michael Giacchino
- b. John Williams
- c. Aaron Copland
- d. John Philip Sousa