

# MUSIC HISTORY EXAM

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

### *Part 2*

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

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

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

1. The “Big Band Era” occurred mainly during the:
  - a. 1970’s
  - b. Impressionistic Period
  - c. 1940’s
  - d. Medieval Period
2. A famous, local relic of the Big Band Era right here in the Pottstown area is:
  - a. Sunnybrook Ballroom
  - b. the Coventry Mall
  - c. Shady Maple Smorgasbord
  - d. Wawa
3. Perhaps the most famous musical group of the Big Band Era was:
  - a. the John Philip Sousa band
  - b. the Mexican National Mariachi band
  - c. the Glenn Miller Orchestra
  - d. the Beatles
4. A famous “crooner” of the big band era and beyond was:
  - a. Frank Sinatra
  - b. Dean Martin
  - c. Bing Crosby
  - d. All of the above
5. The 1950’s saw:
  - a. the birth of *Rock & Roll*
  - b. the commercial availability of the solid body electric guitar
  - c. both a & b
  - d. neither a nor b
6. Perhaps the most famous Rock & Roll musician from the 50’s is:
  - a. Igor Stravinsky
  - b. Glenn Miller
  - c. Elvis Presley
  - d. Arnold Schoenberg
7. What famous musical group came to America from England in the 1960’s:
  - a. The Supremes
  - b. The Temptations
  - c. The Beatles
  - d. all of the above
8. What musical group in the 1960’s started the genre of music known as “surf rock”:
  - a. The Doors
  - b. Led Zeppelin
  - c. The Beach Boys
  - d. The Temptations
9. What genre of music is typically associated with the 1970’s:
  - a. Disco
  - b. Jazz
  - c. Big Band
  - d. Grunge
10. *The Jackson Five*, along with *Earth, Wind, and Fire* and also *Kool and the Gang* are from what genre of music in the 1970’s:
  - a. Disco
  - b. Soft Rock / Pop
  - c. Progressive Rock
  - d. Soul

11. Popular music in the 1980's was shaped largely by the introduction of:

- a. the CD
- b. the ipod
- c. MTV (Music Television)
- d. the Rubic's Cube

12. Two of the most iconic pop music superstars of the 1980's (and beyond) are:

- a. Nirvana and Pearl Jam
- b. Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey
- c. Madonna and Michael Jackson
- d. Homer Simpson and Alf

13. *Van Halen* would be an example of what musical genre of the 1980's:

- a. Pop
- b. New Wave
- c. Hip Hop
- d. Hair Metal

14. Many popular "boy bands" had their start in the:

- a. 1950's
- b. 1990's
- c. 2010's
- d. Impressionistic Period

15. In the early 90's hair metal gave way to \_\_\_\_\_ which used heavily distorted guitars and "growling" vocals:

- a. big band
- b. grunge
- c. hip hop
- d. new wave

16. In the 1990's Country Music:

- a. enjoyed a resurgence in popularity
- b. was heavily promoted on many FM radio stations
- c. had many "crossover" artists
- d. all of the above

17. Completion: Name two famous "boy bands" from the 1990's:

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

18. In the 2000's, what new device revolutionized the way we purchased, stored, and listened to music:

- a. the 8-track tape
- b. the cassette tape
- c. the compact disc
- d. the ipod / mp3 player

19. The music of Alicia Keys and Nora Jones represent what musical genre of the 2000's:

- a. Pop / Teen Pop
- b. Hip Hop / Rap
- c. Country
- d. Adult Contemporary

20. An artist who was popular in both the 1990's and 2000's is:

- a. Britney Spears
- b. Justin Timberlake
- c. both a & b
- d. neither a nor b

21. Who was the first 'American Idol' winner from the world of Country Music:

- a. Carrie Underwood
- b. Nora Jones
- c. Taylor Swift
- d. Kenny Chesney

**True / False** – *Indicate whether each statement is true or false:*

22. \_\_\_\_\_ Big band jazz and dance clubs provided a brief escape from the difficulties of the Great Depression of the 1930s and the trials of World War II in the early 1940s.
23. \_\_\_\_\_ The Swing Era helped to ease the pain of World War II with very upbeat and positive music.
24. \_\_\_\_\_ The “British Invasion” was term given to the period of time in the early to mid 1960’s where many British rock bands found success in the United States.
25. \_\_\_\_\_ Disco music was difficult to dance to because it lacked a strong beat.
26. \_\_\_\_\_ Musicians in the 1980’s paid no attention to their appearance and didn’t care how they looked.
27. \_\_\_\_\_ Many artists from the 1990’s continued their popularity into the 2000’s.
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**SHORT ESSAY:**

*In a short paragraph, discuss your favorite period of music history and why:*