

Entry Exam for the BBC Symphony Orchestra--Viola Players

The pass mark is 10% but be careful--over 45% and you are overqualified.

- 1 - Who wrote the following:
 - a) Beethoven's Symphony No. 6
 - b) Fauré's Requiem
 - c) Wagner's Ring Cycle[5 pts.]

- 2 - Tchaikovsky wrote 6 symphonies including *Symphony no. 4*. Name the other five.
[5 pts.]

- 3 - Explain "counterpoint" or write your name on the reverse of the paper.
[10 pts.]

- 4 - Which of the following would you tuck under you chin?
 - a) a timpani
 - b) an organ
 - c) a 'cello
 - d) a viola[1 pt.]

- 5 - Can you explain "sonata form"? (Answer yes or no.)
[5 pts.]

- 6 - Which of the following literary works was made the subject of a Verdi opera?
 - a) First among Equals -- Jeffrey Archer
 - b) Macbeth -- William Shakespeare
 - c) Noddy and Big Ears -- Enid Blyton[5 pts.]

- 7 - Domenico Scarlatti wrote 555 harpsichord sonatas for which instrument?
[5 pts.]

- 8 - Arrange the following movements in order of speed, starting with the slowest first.
 - a) Quickly
 - b) Slowly
 - c) Very Quickly
 - d) At a Moderate Pace[4 pts.]

- 9 - Where would you normally expect to find the conductor during a performance?
[5 pts.]

- 10 - Which of the following wrote incidental music to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*?
 - a) Des O'Connor
 - b) Mickey Mouse
 - c) Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
 - d) Terry Wogan[5 pts.]

- 11 - Which of the following is the odd one out?
 - a) Sir Colin Davis
 - b) Andrew Davis

- c) Sir Peter Maxwell Davies
 - d) Desmond Lynham
- [5 pts.]

12 - Arrange the following words into the name of a well known Puccini opera.

Bohème, La

[5 pts.]

13 - Within five minutes, how long is Chopin's Minute Waltz?

[5 pts.]

14 - From which of the following countries did Richard Strauss come?

- a) Venezuela
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) Germany
- d) Japan

[5 pts.]

15 - For what town were Haydn's "Paris" Symphonies written?

[5 pts.]

16 - Which is the odd one out?

- a) Fantasy Overture Romeo and Juliet – Tchaikovsky
- b) Romeo and Juliet – Berlioz
- c) Romeo and Juliet Ballet – Prokofiev
- d) Ten Green Bottles -- anon.

[5 pts.]

17 - From which song do the following lines come?

"God save our gracious Queen, Long live our noble Queen."

[5 pts.]

18 - Spell the following musical terms.

allegro
rallentando
crotchet
pizzicato
intermezzo

[5 pts.]

19 - Tosca is a character found in which Puccini opera?

[5 pts.]

20 - Arrange the following letters to form the abbreviation for a well known British broadcasting corporation.

C, B, B.

[5 pts.]