Chapter 1 Music in Antiquity

1. (4) What civilizations have influenced European culture?

13. What is a bull lyre?

14. (7) What were the uses of music in Mesopotamian cultures? Which one is no longer current?

- 2. What culture wrote about music theory?
- 3. Describe the situation for music notation.
- 4. (5) What are the four historical traces of past eras?
- 5. When did sound recordings begin?
- 6. "In the Stone Age, people bored finger holes in ______bones to make ______."
- 7. In the Neolithic era, there were :
- 8. In the Bronze Age, there were _____ instruments, such as _____.
- 9. Also in the Bronze Age, there were _________ instruments, but they did not survive. Why?
- 10. Dates: TQ: How many years are there between "third century B.C.E. and fourth century C.E."? Do you know the meaning of *C.E.* and *B.C.E.* and what do they replace? What does the sixth millennium B.C.E. mean? What would be the years for the 18th century?
- 11. (6) Cuneiform?
- 12. Lyres and harps date from ca. _____. What does *ca*. mean?

- 15. Which class of people generally is allowed to have music as a common experience? Until what century?
- 16. The earliest writings contain what kind of information about music? What kind of genre is the earliest music?
- 17. The earliest composer is ______ who wrote ______ about the year ______. What is *fl*.?
- (8) Babylonians used ______ scales of ______ notes, which may have been passed on to the Greeks.
- 19. The oldest notation dates from about _____
- 20. Musicians did not read from notation but played by ______ or _____.
- 21. (9) Name the Greek instruments.
- 22. Describe the aulos.
- 23. How did it sound? What is modern thought?
- 24. What is a "plangent" sound?
- 25. What was the aulos' function?
- 26. Could a woman play the aulos? N.B. (6th edition): "Women were limited to playing stringed instruments, since the aulos was considered suitable only to slaves, courtesans, and entertainers." Do you consider the statement about "a prostitute as well as a musician," an oxymoron?

- 27. Lyres had _____ strings and were strummed by a _____. The _____ hand strummed and the ______ hand _____ the strings for what purpose?
- 28. (10) Which cult? What purpose?
- 29. Describe the kithara. What is its function? What is a kitharode?
- 30. What are the two kinds of writings on music?
- 31. (11) The most influential were what?
- 32. Who were the first and last writers?
- 33. The word *music* comes from the word _____.
- 34. What is the origin of melody?
- 35. What is the texture of Greek music like?
- 36. What does *heterophonic* mean? *Polyphonic*?
- 37. (12) IP: Were women allowed to play in recitals? Competitions? Could a person become wealthy? Were the performers from the upper classes?
- 38. What is perfect melos?
- 39. What is the relationship between poetry and music?
- 40. (13) What is *harmonia*?
- 41. What is the "harmony of the spheres"? Who coined it?
- 42. What is ethos? Who proposed the idea?

- 43. What was Aristotle's phrase for describing how music affects behavior? Modern interpretation would relate this to a ______ or ______ alone, but Aristotle probably has in mind ______.
- 44. According to Plato and Aristotle, what two educations must be balanced? What is the result if one overshadows the other? What is the problem with too much music?
- 45. (14) SR: T/F Two people are affected in the same way when experiencing a harmonia. Aristotle differentiates by illustrating by what means? And it isn't only melodies. What else can affect a person?
- 46. SR/TQ: Why do young people need music? Is that T/F?
- 47. What two modes (styles) did Plato recommend? What practices did he condemn?
- 48. "Lawlessness in art and education" led to what? TQ: What does the first phrase mean? Any modern parallels?
- 49. T/F Aristotle was stricter than Plato concerning the influence of music on humans.
- 50. Was it acceptable to be a professional musician? Why?
- 51. (15) What is the name of Pythagoras' most famous music treatise? TQ: What is a treatise?
- 52. Who are the theorists who follow?
- 53. What is the relationship of the rhythm of music and poetry?

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- 54. (15) TQ: What term describes the *gliding* of the voice? [*Glissando* is the instrumental version of the term I'm looking for, so that's not the right answer.] What is the term in that paragraph for the opposite condition?
- 55. What three elements are need for a melody?
- 56. Babylonians lacked generic names for ______ except with respect to adjacent strings on a lyre.
- 57. What is a tetrachord? What are the three types of tetrachords? What's the term for "types of tetrachord"?
- 58. What is a "shade"?
- 59. What genus is the oldest? Recent? Most refined? Which one was the Babylonian system?
- 60. (16) Define the terms *conjunct*, *disjunct*, *proslambanomenos*.
- 61. What is the range of the Greater Perfect System? Lesser Perfect System? N.B. The lesser perfect system picture disappeared in the sixth edition and I needed it for B flat.
- 62. TQ: Did the Greeks have perfect pitch? Is their a' our a'=440?
- 63. (17) What are species?
- 64. TQ: Do you understand the construction of Cleonides' seven species? Anything unusual?

- 66. What are the different meanings of tonos according to Cleonides?
- 67. TQ: What term would we use to describe "the region of the voice"?
- 68. T/F Dorians only used the dorian mode.
- 69. (18) How many examples of Greek music exist? Did Renaissance musicians know them?
- 70. Why is the Seikilos epitaph important? What mode? What is a *skolion*?
- 71. Example 1.4. What tonos? What is the pitch range? Any problems?
- 72. (19) TQ: Why does the Iastian tonos match the text? And the melody?
- 73. Why is the Orestes fragment ascribed to Euripides?
- 74. Dochmaic? [sic]
- 75. What do we know about ancient Greek music?
- 76. How many examples of Roman music exist? How do we know about Roman music?
- 77. What is a *tibia*? *Tibicines*? *Tuba*? *Cornu*? *Buccina*?

65. How do the modes get their names?

78. (20) Summarize the details of ancient music.

79. (21) What are the links to ancient Greek music?