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## Vibrant Vibrations: College Music Appreciation Quiz

Students identify foundational elements of timbre, texture, and cultural context across global traditions to reinforce an introductory understanding of musical structures.

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**1. Which term describes the 'tone color' or unique sound quality that allows a listener to distinguish between a trumpet and a cello playing the same pitch?**

- A. Dynamics
- B. Timbre
- C. Tempo
- D. Pitch

**2. In West African drumming traditions, polyrhythm occurs when two or more independent rhythms are played simultaneously.**

- A. True
- B. False

**3. The gradual increase in volume within a musical passage is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Decrescendo
- B. Staccato
- C. Crescendo
- D. Legato

**4. When a single melodic line is performed without any instrumental accompaniment or harmony, the texture is described as:**

- A. Monophonic
- B. Polyphonic
- C. Homophonic
- D. Heterophonic

**5. Program music is a genre of instrumental music intended to represent a specific story, poem, or landscape.**

- A. True
- B. False

**6. In the context of the Italian Renaissance, a \_\_\_\_\_ is a secular vocal composition for several voices, often set to a short poem about love.**

- A. Motet
- B. Madrigal
- C. Oratorio
- D. Chorale

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**7. Which of these keyboard instruments produces sound by small quills plucking the strings, resulting in a limited dynamic range?**

- A. Pipe Organ
- B. Harpsichord
- C. Pianoforte
- D. Celesta

**8. A 'Concerto' typically features a soloist accompanied by an entire orchestra.**

- A. True
- B. False

**9. Which element of music refers to the organization of North Indian classical music, providing a melodic framework for improvisation?**

- A. Tala
- B. Gamelan
- C. Raga
- D. Maqam

**10. The rate of speed at which a musical piece is played is called the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Meter
- B. Syncopation
- C. Tempo
- D. Rhythm