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## Sonata Blueprints: Analyzing 9th Grade Musical Architecture Quiz

Deconstruct complex textures and rhythmic nuances to articulate how specific acoustic properties influence high-level compositional intent.

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**1. Which term best describes the texture of a medieval Gregorian chant, consisting of a single melodic line without harmonic accompaniment?**

- A. Homophony
- B. Polyphony
- C. Monophony
- D. Heterophony

**2. In a large orchestral score, if a composer wants the woodwinds to play exceptionally softly, they would use the dynamic marking \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Fortissimo (ff)
- B. Mezzo-forte (mf)
- C. Sforzando (sfz)
- D. Pianissimo (pp)

**3. A 'Polyrhythm' occurs when two or more independent rhythms with different pulse centers are played simultaneously.**

- A. True
- B. False

**4. When analyzing the 'timbre' of a Miles Davis trumpet solo, which descriptive term is most academically appropriate to describe the use of a Harmon mute?**

- A. Nasal and Piercing
- B. Resonant and Boomy
- C. Compressed and Metallic
- D. Warm and Airy

**5. The structural device where a melody is played in one voice and then immediately imitated by another voice is known as \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Syncopation
- B. Counterpoint
- C. Ostinato
- D. Arpeggio

**6. If a piece of music is marked 'Andante,' but the composer adds the instruction 'accel. al fine,' how does the tempo change?**

- A. It stays at a walking pace until the end.

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- B. It gradually increases in speed until the end.
- C. It abruptly shifts to a very fast tempo.
- D. It slows down significantly before the finale.

**7. Dissonance in harmony refers to a combination of notes that sound stable and provide a sense of arrival or rest.**

- A. True
- B. False

**8. A recurring short melodic or rhythmic pattern that persists throughout a section of a piece is called a/an \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Cadence
- B. Ostinato
- C. Vibrato
- D. Rubato

**9. What happens to the 'frequency' of a sound wave when a singer moves from a low chest-voice note to a high head-voice note?**

- A. The frequency decreases.
- B. The frequency remains constant.
- C. The frequency increases.
- D. The frequency becomes irregular.

**10. Compound meter involves dividing the main beat into three equal subdivisions rather than two.**

- A. True
- B. False