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A Sharp Start: 9th Grade Music Theory Fundamentals Quiz

Solidify your foundation by identifying essential building blocks like intervals, scale structures, and basic harmonic shifts.

1. Which interval is created by the first two notes of the 'Star Wars' Main Theme (the jump from the first note to the second)?

- A. Perfect Fourth
- B. Perfect Fifth
- C. Major Third
- D. Minor Second

2. A 'key signature' is placed at the beginning of a piece to indicate which notes will be consistently raised (sharps) or lowered (flats).

- A. True
- B. False

3. The ____ scale is a seven-note scale characterized by its 'darker' or 'sadder' sound, often featuring a lowered third degree.

- A. Major
- B. Lydian
- C. Minor
- D. Chromatic

4. If a composer wants to create a feeling of stability and rest at the end of a phrase, which chord are they most likely to use?

- A. Tonic (I)
- B. Dominant (V)
- C. Diminished (vii°)
- D. Subdominant (IV)

5. How many sharps are found in the key signature of E Major?

- A. Two (F#, C#)
- B. Three (F#, C#, G#)
- C. Four (F#, C#, G#, D#)
- D. Five (F#, C#, G#, D#, A#)

6. In basic music composition, repeating a short melodic or rhythmic idea throughout a piece is called a ____.

- A. Coda
- B. Motif

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- C. Cadence
- D. Dissonance

7. A 'Major Triad' is composed of a Root, a Major Third, and a Perfect Fifth.

- A. True
- B. False

8. Which of these scales uses only five notes per octave and is common in various global folk traditions?

- A. Whole Tone Scale
- B. Harmonic Minor Scale
- C. Pentatonic Scale
- D. Mixolydian Scale

9. The distance between two notes is known in music theory as a(n) ____.

- A. Clef
- B. Interval
- C. Measure
- D. Tempo

10. A 'sharp' (#) symbol tells the performer to lower the pitch by one half-step.

- A. True
- B. False