

MUSIC QUIZ

1. When is World Music Day celebrated?

- a. 21st June
- b. 18th July
- c. 1st August
- d. 13th September

Ans. 21st June - This day is celebrated as the world music day. this idea was first conceptualized in France.

2. Indian Classical Music has two major types.

True or False?

Ans. True – there are two major types of Indian classical music. Hindustani and Carnatic.

3. Who is the legendary sitar player who performed with the Beatles?

- a. Anoushka Shankar
- b. Pandit Ravi Shankar
- c. Pt. Bhim Sen Joshi
- d. Ustad All Rakha

Ans. Pandit Ravi Shankar- Pandit Ravi Shankar born on 7th April 1920. He has made a major contribution in popularizing Indian classical music in the West through his association with The Beatles (especially George Harrison).

4. When was Lata Mangeshkar awarded the Padma Bhushan?

- a. 1983
- b. 1969
- c. 1971
- d. 1974

Ans. 1969 – Lata Mangeshkar, born on September 28, 1929 is one of the best known and most respected of singer of all time. She was awarded the prestigious Padma Bhushan in 1969.

5. What do the initials of 'AR' stand in A.R. Rahman's name?

- a. Allah Rakha
- b. Allah Rehman
- c. Aymaan Rakha
- d. Abdur Rasul

Ans. Allah Rakha – A.R. Rahman is an Indian music composer, songwriter, producer and philanthropist. He has won numerous awards and acclaim worldwide.

6. Leslie Lewis and Hariharan came together to form which band?

- a. Bombay Rockers
- b. Colonial Cousins
- c. Strings
- d. Pentagram

Ans. Colonial Cousins – Colonial Cousins is a band formed by singer Hariharan and singer-composer Leslie Lewis. Their unique style is fused with Indian and western genres.

7. Which of the following instruments of Indian origin?

- a. Guitar
- b. Tabla
- c. Violin
- d. Flute

Ans. Tabla – the tabla is a popular percussion instrument that consists of two hand drums. It was invented in India although it's origin is uncertain.

8. Who among the following Indians has won the prestigious Grammy awards?

- a. Ustad Amjad Ali Khan
- b. Pt. Ravi Shankar
- c. Anoushka Shankar
- d. Asha Bhosle

Ans. Pt. Ravi Shankar – Pt. Ravi Shankar is a famous sitar player who has collaborated with the likes of The Beatles, Eric Clapton etc. and has won three Grammy Awards.

9. Amjad Ali Khan is famous for playing which instrument?

- a. Sitar
- b. Table
- c. Sarod
- d. Santoor

Ans. Sarod – Amjad Ali Khan born on 9th October 1945 is an Indian classical musician who plays the sarod. He has been awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2001.

10. Which of the following is an Indian stringed instrument?

- a. Sitar
- b. Violin
- c. Table
- d. Flute

Ans. Sitar – The sitar is a classical stringed instrument that is believed to be derived from the ancient 'veena'. Pt. Ravi Shankar is one of the most famous sitar players of India.