Music Trivia

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. How many strings are on a standard acoustic guitar?
   A. Six
   B. Four
   C. Five
   D. Eight

2. Which instrument family includes timpani, the large bowl-shaped drums?
   A. Woodwind
   B. Brass
   C. Percussion
   D. Strings

3. A score has the dynamic marking f. How does the composer want that passage played?
   A. Softly
   B. Loudly
   C. More slowly
   D. With short notes

4. Whose 1967 recording of 'Respect' was added to the U.S. National Recording Registry?
   A. Gladys Knight
   B. Diana Ross
   C. Etta James
   D. Aretha Franklin

5. Who gave four violin concertos the seasonal titles Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter?
   A. Johann Sebastian Bach
   B. Antonio Vivaldi
   C. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
   D. Joseph Haydn

6. Which instrument makes its sound with a single reed attached to a mouthpiece?
   A. Clarinet
   B. Oboe
   C. Bassoon
   D. Flute

7. Which Caribbean country is the birthplace of reggae?
   A. Trinidad and Tobago
   B. Barbados
   C. Haiti
   D. Jamaica

8. Which U.S. city was home to Motown Records' original Hitsville U.S.A. studio?
   A. Memphis
   B. Chicago
   C. Detroit
   D. Cleveland

9. The setting of 'Ode to Joy' appears in the finale of which Beethoven symphony?
   A. No. 9
   B. No. 3
   C. No. 5
   D. No. 7

10. Whose orchestra took up a residency at Harlem's Cotton Club in 1927?
   A. Glenn Miller's
   B. Count Basie's
   C. Benny Goodman's
   D. Duke Ellington's

11. What frequency does the standard tuning reference A above middle C specify?
   A. 392 hertz
   B. 330 hertz
   C. 440 hertz
   D. 480 hertz

12. A part says D.C. al Fine. Where does the musician go next?
   A. To the last repeat sign, then back one bar
   B. Back to the start, then on to Fine
   C. To the coda, then back to the start
   D. To the nearest double bar, then stop

13. What rotating components generated the tones of a classic Hammond B-3 organ?

A. Felt hammers
B. Paper cylinders
C. Glass discs
D. Tonewheels

14. On a traditional theremin, moving a hand nearer to the upright antenna chiefly changes what?

A. Pitch
B. Volume
C. Tempo
D. Meter

15. Where did Stravinsky's ballet The Rite of Spring receive its first performance in 1913?

A. Moscow
B. Vienna
C. Paris
D. London