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1 The section of a jazz ensemble that maintains the tempo is called the:

(A) Sax section
(B) Trumpet section
(C) Trombone section
(D) Rhythm section

Answer: (D) Rhythm section

2 Which instrument is not considered a member of the rhythm section?

(A) Guitar
(B) Trumpet
(C) Bass
(D) Drums

Answer: (B) Trumpet

3 A piece that lacks of any specific tonality is called:

(A) Cacophony
(B) Minor
(C) Atonal
(D) Major

Answer: (C) Atonal

4 The terms homophonic, polyphonic, and monophonic are all used to describe music's _____.

(A) Rhythm
(B) Texture
(C) Melody
(D) Harmony

Answer: (B) Texture

5 _____ takes place when a rhythm occurs on a weak, normally un-emphasized portion of a beat, interacting with a regularly occurring rhythm.

(A) Syncopation
(B) Polyphony
(C) Atonality
(D) Harmony

Answer: (A) Syncopation

6 A collection of two or more notes stacked one on top of another and sounded simultaneously is called:

(A) Texture

(B) Melody

(C) Harmony

(D) Syncopation

Answer: (C) Harmony

Feedback: Chords are defined similarly.

7 This phenomenon occurs when two or more different rhythms are played simultaneously, layered one on top of the other.

(A) Monotony

(B) Polyrhythm

(C) Syncopation

(D) Rubato

Answer: (B) Polyrhythm

8 A succession of chords is called a:

(A) Progression

(B) Group

(C) Tetrachord

(D) Syncopation

Answer: (A) Progression

9 The speed at which music moves is called what?

(A) Rhythm

(B) Pitch

(C) Tempo

(D) Forte

Answer: (C) Tempo

10 Which musical ingredient significantly distinguishes jazz from other styles?

(A) Form

(B) Polyphony

(C) Harmony

(D) Improvisation

Answer: (D) Improvisation