

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions**

Music can make a powerful contribution to the education and development of children, having benefits which range from those that are largely academic to the growth of social skills and contribution to overall development. It is a unique form of communication that can change the way pupils feel, think and act. Children's involvement in music engages pupils, increasing their **self-esteem**, and maximizing their progress in education and not just in music.

Research has shown a direct link between music and improved reading ability in children. It shows that pupils who were given certain types of music instruction had improved reading comprehension compared to those who did not. Studies have shown that music instruction improved pupils' ability to remember words and so improve their vocabulary, and also enhance language development.

Evidence also suggests a link between mathematics and music, for example some types of music education can encourage improvement in some elements of mathematics more effectively than others. Other studies have demonstrated a link between music and creative skills, particularly musical **improvisation** and lessons which require children to be imaginative.

Other studies have shown different benefits from participating in music groups and needing to work together towards a common goal, for example school bands. These include discipline, teamwork, cooperation, self-confidence, responsibility and social skills.

1. What are the benefits of music?

- A. strengthen hand-eye coordination and communication
- B. learn powerful study habits
- C. teach teamwork
- D. grow in self-esteem and build essential skills

2. What can music contribute to?

- A. good attitude of pupils
- B. overall development of pupils
- C. maximizing pupils' progress in music
- D. intelligence and IQ level of pupils

3. According to the passage , the author infers to a link between music EXCEPT

- A. mathematics
- B. creative skills
- C. reading comprehension skill
- D. medical care

4. Which of the following refers to improve reading ability for children through music ?

- A. Area of the brain controlling both musical ability and language comprehension are related
- B. Music education improves memory and help children to remember vocabulary
- C. Music education increases skills through lessons that require pupils to be imaginative
- D. Musicians learn to listen to others, sense emotion, and react with understanding

5. The word "**improvisation**" in passage 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_ .

A. spontaneity      B. certainty      C. truth      D. fact

6. What are some of the benefits of participating in music groups?

A. working together towards a common goal      B. developing a school band  
C. teamwork and cooperation      D. increasing creative skills

7. What is the passage mainly about ?

A. the contribution of music to children      B. the effects of music in life  
C. the development of music to everyone      D. the overall development of music

8. The word “ **self-esteem** ” in passage 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_ .

A. confidence      B. shyness      C. modesty      D. shame