UP English Center

Name: _____

Class: _____

1. Choose the correct and most accurate definition (A, B, or C) for each word.

1. Disco

A. A style of upbeat electronic dance music played exclusively at live jazz concerts.

B. A style of upbeat dance music popular in the 1970s with strong rhythms.

C. A modern music genre featuring rhythmic speech and fast dance moves.

2. Folk

A. Traditional music that originates from the culture of a specific region or country, usually played on acoustic instruments.

B. Traditional classical music written by master European composers for large orchestras.

C. Modern dance music played by a DJ with strong electronic beats.

3. Hip-hop

A. A slow, romantic style of music featuring vocal melodies and acoustic guitars.

B. A theatrical music genre where all actors sing instead of speaking their lines.

C. A modern music culture and genre featuring rhythmic speech, rapping, and heavy beats.

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4. Jazz

A. A music genre originating from African-American communities, famous for improvisation, swing rhythms, and complex harmonies.

B. A style of 1970s dance music played with heavy electronic disco beats.

C. A classical music style performed only by large symphony orchestras.

5. Opera

A. A live musical performance played outdoors by a famous DJ on a big stage.

B. A dramatic theatrical work combining a story, an orchestra, and performers singing every single line.

C. A recorded track produced inside a professional music studio.

6. DJ

A. A musician who writes the sheet music and lyrics for classical operas.

B. A performer who sings leading theatrical roles on a raised stage.

C. A person who mixes and plays recorded music for an audience at a club, party, or event.

7. Studio

A. A special room or building equipped for recording music, broadcasting, or photography.

B. A large raised platform where actors and musicians perform in front of a live audience.

C. A traditional concert hall designed specifically for classical music and opera shows.

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2. Read the passage and answer the questions.



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GRAMMY AWARDS

If movies have the Oscars, the world of music has the Grammys. The Grammy Awards—originally called the Gramophone Awards—represent the highest level of achievement and international recognition in the music industry. Organized annually by the Recording Academy in the United States, the very first Grammy ceremony took place on May 4, 1959, to honor musical artists and technical professionals for their outstanding works released in the previous year.



The name "Grammy" comes from the word "gramophone". A gramophone is an old machine that played music from plastic discs. Because of this, the Grammy trophy looks like an old-fashioned gramophone instead of a modern microphone.



Every trophy is made by hand by skilled workers in Colorado. It is made of a strong metal called "gramium" and covered in 24-karat gold. Because it is made of solid metal, a standard Grammy trophy is quite heavy. It weighs about 2.3 kilograms (5 pounds).



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Winning a Grammy trophy can completely transform an artist's career, turning local or national acts into global legends. Over the decades, many incredible milestones have been achieved. American superstar Beyoncé currently holds the historic record for winning the most Grammys of all time, accumulating a staggering 32 competitive wins across her legendary career. Other notable historical feats include and the Latin rock band Santana, who both tied the record for winning the most awards in a single night by taking home 8 trophies each in 1984 and 2000, respectively.





On the other end of the spectrum, the youngest person ever to win a Grammy is Leah Peasall, who was only 8 years old when she and her siblings (The Peasall Sisters) won an Album of the Year award in 2002 for her vocal contributions to the multi-platinum O Brother, Where Art Thou? soundtrack.

Today, the Grammy Awards broadcast reaches millions of households globally, featuring breathtaking live performances, emotional acceptance speeches, and fierce competition across dozens of specialized categories spanning pop, rock, hip-hop, jazz, classical, and electronic dance music.

1. According to the text, what is the Grammy Award often called?

2. Why is the Grammy trophy shaped like an old-fashioned gramophone instead of a modern microphone?

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3. How much does a standard Grammy trophy weigh, and what material is it plated in?

4. Who holds the record for winning the most Grammys, and how many awards does she have?

5. In your opinion, why do you think winning a Grammy Award can change a musician's life forever?

3. For each question, write the correct answer. Write one word for each gap.

Example: 0 : you

From: Maria

To: John

I hope (0) _____ are well. I'm having a great holiday here in Thailand. Our hotel is very nice and there are a lot of good restaurants near it.

Yesterday morning, we went to (25) _____ lovely beach. We had to leave before lunch because it was very hot. We went to a party (26) _____ the evening in the centre (27) _____ the town. Everyone had a good time and we got back at midnight. Tomorrow, we want to (28) _____ on a boat trip or (29) _____ tennis.

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4. Do you listen to music while studying? What kind of music helps you concentrate?

In your writing, you should write:

- whether you listen to music while studying
- what kind of music you listen to
- how music helps (or does not help) you concentrate
- your favourite music to study with and why



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