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EXAM

In today's exam you will show us how much you have studied while learning about some of the greatest singers of all time: Amy Winehouse, John Lennon and Frank Sinatra.

Read the text about Amy Winehouse and answer the questions.

One of my favourite singers is Amy Winehouse. She was a great jazz singer, born on September 14, 1983. She didn't live in Argentina like me. She lived in London. Her father was a taxi driver and her mother was a pharmacist. She only had one brother, Alex.

Amy started playing the guitar at the age of 14 and a year later she started to write music. Amy loved jazz and her favourite musicians were Sarah Vaughan and Dinah Washington. Winehouse won five Grammy Awards connected to her 2006 album *Back to Black*, and earned acclaim for songs like the title track, "Rehab" and "Love Is a Losing Game."

Her debut album, *Frank* (2003), was a mixture of jazz, pop, soul and hip-hop. The album was nominated for the Mercury Music Prize as well as two BRIT awards for Best Female Solo Artist and Best Urban Act.

Some of the biggest names in rock were waiting to collaborate with her. George Michael said: "Amy is the best female vocalist I have ever heard in my entire career, as well as one of the best writers."

Winehouse was constantly the focus of media attention. Reporters followed her everywhere. They were interested in her drug and alcohol addiction.

It is true that she was an addict but she was also very talented and very generous. Throughout her life Winehouse donated her money, music and time to many charities, particularly those concerned with children. She was once named "the most charitable act" by *Pop World*.

After years of battling against drug and alcohol abuse and her self-destructive behaviour, Winehouse died tragically on July 23, 2011, at the age of 27 from accidental alcohol poisoning.

Amy's family misses her a lot and visits the cemetery twice a year. Amy's death represents a great loss to her family and to the entire world as she was an amazing artist.

1. When was Amy Winehouse born?
2. Where did she live?
3. Did Amy's father drive a taxi?
4. How many brothers did Amy have?
5. Was Amy an adult when she started learning the guitar?
6. Who were Amy's favourite musicians?
7. What was Amy's debut album?
8. Was she a generous person? Why?/Why not?
9. How old was Amy when she died?
10. Why did Winehouse die?
11. Does Amy's family miss her?
12. How often do they visit Amy in the cemetery?

Imagine you are a reporter and you get to interview the late Amy Winehouse for the Rolling Stones magazine. Complete the following conversation by asking her about her childhood. Focus on the underlined words.

_____?

I went to a school in London.

_____?

I walked to school because it was near my house.

_____?

I always played with my brother Alex.

_____?

I started writing music when I was 15.

_____?

No, I didn't. I hated my school.

_____?

Because I wanted to play music and I couldn't do it at school.

_____?

I usually ate chicken soup at home. It was my favourite

_____?

My favourite colour was black.

_____?

I released two albums.

_____?

The event that most affected me was my granny's death.

_____?

She died of cancer.

_____?

I was singing in The USA when she died. It was so sad.

Complete the following paragraph about Amy Winehouse's ex boyfriend Alex Clare:

Alexander George Clare _____ (be) an English singer and songwriter. Clare _____ (be born) in Southwark, London, England. He _____ (grow up) listening to his father's jazz records and also _____ (like) blues and soul artists like Donny Hathaway or Stevie Wonder, which eventually led to interests in drum and bass, dubstep and UK garage. Clare _____ (start) playing the trumpet and drums when he _____ (be) young .

Clare _____ (go) to Bishop Challoner School in Bromley and then to Westminster Kingsway College.

In 2006, before being successful, Clare _____ (date) Amy Winehouse but the relationship _____ (last) less than a year. They _____ (meet) while he _____ (perform) and _____ (work) at a bar she frequented, the Hawley Arms in Camden, North London. .

He _____ (release) his debut album, *The Lateness of the Hour*, in the UK on 11 July 2011. The biggest hit from the album, "Too Close", _____ (peak) at number 4 on the UK Singles Chart and number 7 on the US *Billboard* Hot 100. The song was nominated for the Brit Award for Best British Single at the 2013 Brit Awards.

Clare _____ (live) in Golders Green, an area in northwest London for many years but now he _____ (live) in Jerusalem, Israel with his entire family. He _____ (live) in Israel for five years.

He _____ (be married) now and _____ (have) a daughter. He _____ (be) a very religious person who _____ (practise) judaism.

Listening

Another musician that I love as much as Amy Winehouse is John Lennon. Listen to the audio and decide if the statements are T (true) or F (false). Correct the false ones.

1. John Lennon was a singer and a song-writer.
2. He didn't like violence.
3. When John was a little kid, he lived with his mother and father in Liverpool.
4. Lennon met Paul McCartney at a party.
5. Lennon's wife was also a singer.
6. Lennon committed suicide in 1980.

Write a paragraph about my other all time favourite singer Frank Sinatra

- Name: Francis Albert
- Surname: Sinatra
- Born on: 12/12/1915.
- Nationality: American.
- Profession: Singer, actor and producer
- Nickname: "Chairman of the Board"
- Family: 2 parents, no brothers or sisters.
- Wives: 4 (Barbara Sinatra, Ava Gardner, Mia Farrow, Nancy Barbato)
- Children: 3 Nancy Sinatra (born June 8, 1940), Frank Sinatra Jr. (born January 10, 1944 and died March 16, 2016), and Christina "Tina" Sinatra
- Liked: Jazz
- Hated: Pop music
- Favourite singers: Aretha Franklin and Louis Armstrong.