

READ THE PASSAGE THEN CHOOSE THE CORRECT LETTER (WRITE THE LETTER IN THE SPACE.)

A, B, C, D and E



Passage 1 - Opera

Opera refers to a dramatic art form, originating in Europe, in which the emotional content is conveyed to the audience as much through music, both vocal and instrumental, as it is through the lyrics. By contrast, in musical theater an actor's dramatic performance is primary, and the music plays a lesser role. The drama in opera is presented using the primary elements of theater such as scenery, costumes, and acting. However, the words of the opera, or libretto, are sung rather than spoken. The singers are accompanied by a musical ensemble ranging from a small instrumental ensemble to a full symphonic orchestra.

1. It is pointed out in the reading that opera ----.

- A) has developed under the influence of musical theater
- B) is a drama sung with the accompaniment of an orchestra
- C) is not a high-budget production
- D) is often performed in Europe
- E) is the most complex of all the performing arts

2. We can understand from the reading that ----.

- A) people are captivated more by opera than musical theater
- B) drama in opera is more important than the music
- C) orchestras in operas can vary considerably in size
- D) musical theater relies above all on music
- E) there is argument over whether the music is important or the words in opera

3. It is stated in the reading that ----.

- A) acting and costumes are secondary to music in musical theater
- B) many people find musical theater more captivating than opera
- C) music in musical theater is not as important as it is in opera
- D) an opera requires a huge orchestra as well as a large choir
- E) opera doesn't have any properties in common with musical theater

For each question, choose the correct answer (A-D):

Write the correct letter in each space.

Music is thought to be one of mankind's greatest inventions. It is found all over the world and is an important part of culture and _____ (1). One curious fact is that music has formed a part of all the different _____ (2) on our planet.

Music is seen as one of the purest and most emotional creations and it would be hard to imagine our _____ (3) without it. What we need to do is make sure that it does not become too controlled by _____ (4) and allow people to be creative and express themselves through music.

People are constantly inventing new _____ (5) of music and this is what makes it such an interesting topic of _____ (6). Let's just hope that this will never stop.

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| 1. A. habits | B. traditions | C. fun | D. health |
| 2. A. citizens | B. people | C. festivals | D. civilizations |
| 3. A. existances | B. lives | C. routines | D. times |
| 4. A. money | B. cash | C. income | D. expenses |
| 5. A. genres | B. classes | C. categories | D. kinds |
| 6. A. argument | B. agreement | C. conversation | D. disagreement |

