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1. Look and read. Choose the correct words and write them on the lines.

1. You play this instrument with your hands and two sticks.

2. This person plays a musical instrument.

3. This instrument is made of wood and has four strings

4. People go to these to listen to music or watch special dances. They often last for two or three days.

5. People usually play this loud kind of music on electric guitars and drums.

6. Something that people use to play music, for example a guitar or a piano.

7. Musicians or actors stand on this when they are performing.

8. People go to this to listen to music or singing.

9. A number of musical notes that sound nice.

10. Young people usually like this kind of modern music.

drum stage tune tour festival musician violin
flag rock pop concert instrument guitar whistle

2. Read the passage and choose the best option to each of the following questions.

In the 1960s, it took pop and rock groups one or two days to record other their songs. Nowadays, it can take months and months. Many rock groups begin by recording only one instrument, for example, the voice. Then they record other instruments – electric piano, synthesizer, guitars, drums and so on.

Next, they might use a computer to add special effects. Finally, they 'mix' all the instruments until they get the sound that they want. This means that a CD or cassette will always sound very different from a live concert.

Music engineers have developed a new computer programme that will change the future of music. A computer can analyze a singer's voice. Then if you give the computer the lyrics and music of a song, the computer can 'sing' it in that voice. This means that a singer only needs to record one song and the computer can then sing other songs in the singer's own voice. Singers can sing new songs many years after they have died.

Most of us listen to music for pleasure, but for the record companies, music is a product, the same as soap powder. When a record company finds a new group (or 'band'), they first try to develop the band's 'profile'. They will try to create an 'image' for the band that they think will attract young people. Instead of allowing the band's full artistic freedom, they will often tell the band what they should wear, what they should say and how they should sing and play.

In recent year, many rock groups have started their own record companies because they say that the big companies are too commercial.

Question 1. Today, to record songs, it takes _____.

A. shorter than it used to do

B. longer than it used to do

C. the same amount of time as the 1960s

D. only one or two days

Question 2. Today's record procedure results in _____.

A. differences in voices and instruments played

B. different sounds of recorded songs and live-performed songs

C. the mixture between CDs and live concert

D. some special effects on songs

Question 3. Which of the following is NOT true about the new computer programme?

A. It can imitate singers' voices.

B. It can sing only one recorded song of the singer.

C. It is predicted to change the music future.

D. The singer does not necessarily present to really sing.

Question 4. The word "it" in the passage refers to _____.

A. a lyric

B. a song

C. music

D. a singer

Question 5. What does the passage mainly talk about?

A. music

B. music record methods

C. music companies

D. music bands

3. Write about a singer or a music band that you know or you are one of their fan. You can follow the questions below.

1. What's the name of your favorite singer or band.

2. Give a short information about them.

3. Why do you like them?

3. Have you ever attended to their performance/concert?

4. Write about an impressive performance or video that you have just watched recently. What was your feeling about it?

