

BEETHOVEN

Read the text then answer the given questions.

Ludwig van Beethoven was born in 1770 in Bonn, Germany. He was the eldest of three boys. His father and grandfather were musicians. Beethoven started learning the violin and piano at a very early age.

In 1783, he published his first composition. He was only 13. In 1787, he travelled to Vienna to study under Mozart, but returned to Bonn because his mother was dying. After her death he moved to Vienna. He never returned to his hometown. In 1795, he gave his first public performance as a pianist. It was a success.

In the late 1790s, Beethoven began to lose his hearing and by 1819 he was completely deaf. It was during this period that he wrote some of his most famous compositions like Moonlight (1801), Eroica (1804), Pastoral (1808) and Emperor (1809).

After he became deaf, he continued to compose great music which was joyful and optimistic. In his later years, he was lonely and depressed, and he didn't write much. Although, he fell in love several times he never got married.

Beethoven died on March 26, 1827, in Vienna after he caught pneumonia. More than 10,000 people came to his funeral. Beethoven was the first composer who used music to express deep feelings and ideas, such as his belief in freedom and heroism. Even today he is, for many people, the greatest composer ever.

Are the statements TRUE or FALSE?

1. Beethoven learnt to play the violin and piano in very early age.	True	False
2. Beethoven published his first composition in 1783.	True	False
3. Beethoven moved to Vienna after his father's death.	True	False
4. Beethoven's first public performance was a success.	True	False
5. In 1891, Beethoven lost his hearing.	True	False

Choose the correct answer.

1. Being deaf, Beethoven felt _____

- joyful and optimistic
- lonely and depressed
- lively and energetic

2. Beethoven died in _____

- his hometown
- Germany
- Vienna

3. Beethoven died from _____.

- cancer
- fever
- pneumonia

4. _____ people came to his funeral.

- Many
- Some
- Few

5. Beethoven was a great _____.

- magician
- musician
- singer