

How to use this sheet. Carnatic stays south, Hindustani heads north. Pair each instrumentalist with their one instrument.

Quick reference — Carnatic Trinity: Tyagaraja, Dikshitar, Syama Shastri · Ravi Shankar=Sitar, Bismillah Khan=Shehnai, Zakir Hussain=Tabla

Section A

- 1.** Who was the first musician to receive the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award?
(1) Lata Mangeshkar (2) M. S. Subbulakshmi (3) Bhimsen Joshi (4) Ravi Shankar
- 2.** Pandit Ravi Shankar is internationally known for popularising which musical instrument?
(1) Tabla (2) Flute (3) Violin (4) Sitar
- 3.** Ustad Bismillah Khan, a Bharat Ratna recipient, is most associated with which wind instrument?
(1) Flute (2) Bagpipe (3) Shehnai (4) Harmonium
- 4.** Ustad Zakir Hussain is most closely associated with which percussion instrument?
(1) Tabla (2) Mridangam (3) Pakhawaj (4) Ghatam
- 5.** Who is traditionally regarded as the "Father of Carnatic Music"?
(1) Tyagaraja (2) Purandara Dasa (3) Muthuswami Dikshitar (4) Syama Shastri
- 6.** Which three composers together form the widely cited "Trinity of Carnatic Music"?
(1) Purandara Dasa, Amir Khusrau, Tansen (2) Ravi Shankar, Bismillah Khan, Zakir Hussain (3) Tyagaraja, Muthuswami Dikshitar, Syama Shastri (4) Jasraj, Bhimsen Joshi, Kumar Gandharva

Section B

- 7.** Which legendary musician performed for years in the court of the Mughal emperor Akbar and is counted among the Navaratnas?
(1) Amir Khusrau (2) Baiju Bawra (3) Swami Haridas (4) Tansen
- 8.** Amir Khusrau, a towering figure of medieval Indian music and poetry, is regarded as the father of which musical genre?
(1) Qawwali (2) Ghazal (3) Thumri (4) Dhrupad
- 9.** Who developed the widely used notation and classification system for Hindustani classical music, including the categorisation of ragas into ten thaats?
(1) Purandara Dasa (2) Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande (3) Amir Khusrau (4) Tansen
- 10.** Pandit Hari Prasad Chaurasia is one of India's most celebrated players of which instrument?
(1) Sitar (2) Sarod (3) Flute (Bansuri) (4) Santoor
- 11.** Which composer, known as the "Mozart of Madras," has won both a Grammy Award and an Academy Award (Oscar) for his film music?
(1) Ilaiyaraaja (2) Shankar Mahadevan (3) Ricky Kej (4) A. R. Rahman
- 12.** Which system of classical music is confined mainly to the four southern states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala?

(1) Carnatic music (2) Hindustani music (3) Dhrupad (4) Qawwali

13. In Hindustani classical music, the cyclic arrangement of time units, or rhythmic framework, is known as:

(1) Raga (2) Tala (3) Sruti (4) Thaata

Section C

14. Which singer is popularly known as the "Ghazal King" of India?

(1) Mehdi Hassan (2) Ghulam Ali (3) Jagjit Singh (4) Pankaj Udhas

15. Which noted Bollywood music director, known for his distinctive rhythm-driven compositions, is popularly called "Panchamda"?

(1) S. D. Burman (2) Naushad (3) O. P. Nayyar (4) R. D. Burman

16. What is a "raga" in Indian classical music most accurately described as?

(1) A melodic framework for improvisation and composition (2) A fixed rhythmic cycle only (3) A type of percussion instrument (4) A style of classical dance

17. The bansuri, a widely known Indian classical instrument, refers to which of these?

(1) A stringed instrument (2) A bamboo flute (3) A pair of hand drums (4) A type of harmonium

18. In which Indian city is the well-known Bhatkhande Music Institute, named after the musicologist Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande, located?

(1) Varanasi (2) Gwalior (3) Lucknow (4) Jaipur

19. Pandit Jasraj, a renowned Hindustani classical vocalist, belonged to which gharana?

(1) Kirana Gharana (2) Gwalior Gharana (3) Patiala Gharana (4) Mewati Gharana

20. Abdul Karim Khan is regarded as the founder of which Hindustani music gharana?

(1) Kirana Gharana (2) Dagar Gharana (3) Agra Gharana (4) Rampur-Sahaswan Gharana

Answer key: 1. (2) 2. (4) 3. (3) 4. (1) 5. (2) 6. (3) 7. (4) 8. (1) 9. (2) 10. (3) 11. (4) 12. (1) 13. (2) 14. (3) 15. (4) 16. (1) 17. (2) 18. (3) 19. (4) 20. (1)

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