Ludwig van Beethoven Test

1. Beethoven was one of the world’s greatest _____.
   A. poets  
   B. writers  
   C. artists  
   D. composers

2. When he was four years old he began studying _____.
   A. piano and violin  
   B. harpsichord and viola  
   C. violin and flute  
   D. piano and trombone

3. His first teacher was _____.
   A. Handel  
   B. Mozart  
   C. his father  
   D. his mother

4. To make Beethoven practice he _____.
   A. bribed him  
   B. beat him and locked him up  
   C. talked kindly to him  
   D. threatened to ground him

5. His father was cruel because he _____.
   A. was worried about finances  
   B. had been abused as a child  
   C. was an alcoholic  
   D. had too many children

6. Beethoven’s new teacher was _____.
   A. very patient with him  
   B. just like his old teacher  
   C. young and pretty  
   D. not a very good teacher

7. Beethoven wrote his first song when he was _____ years old.
   A. fifteen  
   B. eight  
   C. eleven  
   D. eighteen

8. He conducted an orchestra for the first time at age _____.
   A. ten  
   B. sixteen  
   C. seventeen  
   D. twelve

9. In Vienna he studied with _____.
   A. Mozart  
   B. Haydn  
   C. Schubert  
   D. Brahms

10. He stopped studying with that composer because the composer _____.
    A. could teach him nothing new  
    B. charged too much  
    C. wanted all the credit for himself  
    D. became easily angered
11. Beethoven was different from other composers because _____.

A. he wrote the kind of music he liked  
B. he was taller  
C. he could sing better  
D. he wrote exactly what people wanted

12. He played the _____ at parties and concerts in Europe.

A. flute  
B. piano  
C. harpsichord  
D. violin

13. He liked using a _____.

A. string orchestra  
B. quintet  
C. very large orchestra  
D. small orchestra

14. On long walks during the day he _____.

A. prayed a lot  
B. watched the birds  
C. studied the trees  
D. planned the music he would write

15. One time he wrote some notes on _____.

A. the palm of his hand  
B. the bark of a tree  
C. a window shade  
D. a tablecloth

16. When he wrote a composition he wanted it to _____.

A. have only a few mistakes in it  
B. please everyone  
C. sound like his other compositions  
D. be perfect

17. When he became deaf he _____.

A. became suspicious of people  
B. stopped writing music  
C. cried a lot  
D. went to live with his brother

18. Beethoven raised his nephew when _____.

A. his sister became ill  
B. the boy ran away from home  
C. the family fell on hard times  
D. his brother died

19. Beethoven died of _____.

A. a gunshot wound  
B. tuberculosis  
C. pneumonia  
D. deafness

20. A long musical composition for a full orchestra is called _____.

A. a symphony  
B. an overture  
C. an elegy  
D. an opera