

Humanities CLEP Test Study Guide

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1. The main purpose of the excerpt is to present

- (A) arguments for reforming language
 - (B) a summary of a language's decline
 - (C) reasons to study old forms of language
 - (D) a list of advantages of learning a new language
 - (E) a condemnation of professional writers
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2. Line 5 ('Whan Zephirus ... breeth') makes use of which literary device? "Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote, The droghte of March hath perced to the roote, And bathed every veyne in swich licour Of which vert^u engendred is the flour, Whan Zephirus eek with his swete breeth Inspired hath in every holt and heeth The tendre croppes..."

- (A) Irony
 - (B) Personification
 - (C) Paradox
 - (D) Internal rhyme
 - (E) Direct address
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3. Which of the following correctly matches the composer with the work he created?

- (A) Béla Bartók . . *Boléro*
 - (B) Philip Glass. . *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*
 - (C) Paul Hindemith. . *Rhapsody in Blue*
 - (D) Gustav Mahler. . *Tales from the Vienna Woods*
 - (E) Franz Liszt. . *Hungarian Rhapsody, Number 1*
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4. The displacement of regular accents in music is known as

- (A) rhythm
 - (B) meter
 - (C) syncopation
 - (D) duration
 - (E) the beat
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5. Which work does James Joyce use as a focus and model for his modern novel entitled Ulysses?

- (A) Oedipus Rex
 - (B) Siddhartha
 - (C) The Odyssey
 - (D) Paradise Lost
 - (E) Antigone
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6. The Japanese art form known as anime had its origins in

- (A) comic books
 - (B) glass blowing
 - (C) haiku
 - (D) ceramics
 - (E) the tea ceremony
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7. Images of dancing skeletons from the Middle Ages provided inspiration to later composers, such as Camille Saint-Saëns and Franz Liszt, who called their compositions inspired by such images

- (A) ballets
 - (B) Viennese waltzes
 - (C) danses macabres
 - (D) mazurkas
 - (E) elegies
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8. The novels of P. D. James, Daphne du Maurier, Ngaio Marsh, and Stieg Larsson are often associated with which of the following literary genres?

- (A) Science fiction and fantasy
 - (B) Horror and fan fiction
 - (C) Humor and folklore
 - (D) Mystery and crime
 - (E) Romance and historical fiction
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9. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Requiem and Franz Schubert's Symphony no. 8 in B Minor have which of the following in common?

- (A) Each work was first performed at the Estates Theater in Prague, Czech Republic.
 - (B) Each work was left unfinished by the composer.
 - (C) Each work was performed at the funeral of Johannes Brahms in Vienna, Austria.
 - (D) Each work is dedicated to Holy Roman emperor, Francis II.
 - (E) Each work features a quartet of vocal soloists.
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10. Regarded as one of Richard Wagner's masterpieces, it is a series of four long works based loosely on characters from Norse sagas. The work described is

- (A)** Norma
- (B)** Rienzi
- (C)** Tristan und Isolde
- (D)** Der Rosenkavalier
- (E)** Der Ring des Nibelungen