



**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE – ATAR MUSIC
MUSICAL ANALYSIS**

Bedrich Smetana – about Bedrich - Questions

- 1. In which decade was Smetana born?**
 - a) 1820-1829.
 - b) 1830-1839.
 - c) 1840-1849.
 - d) 1850-1859.

- 2. In which period of music is he usually categorised?**
 - a) Baroque.
 - b) Classical.
 - c) Romantic.
 - d) 20th Century.

- 3. In which city was he born, and lived most of his life?**
 - a) Vienna.
 - b) Berlin.
 - c) Prague.
 - d) Moscow.

- 4. Smetana also wrote a very famous opera. What is it called?**
 - a) *The Bartered Bride.*
 - b) *Così fan Tutti.*
 - c) *Der Ring des Nibelungen.*
 - d) *La Forza del Destino.*

- 5. The Moldau is one of a collection of six tone poems. What is a tone poem?**
 - a) A work in 4 movements that explores a single theme across a long period of time.
 - b) A work for a soloist and orchestra that is often very virtuosic in nature.
 - c) A theatre piece featuring singers and telling a story in which all the words are sung.
 - d) A large scale orchestral work in a single movement often programmatic in nature.

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1. **In which decade was Smetana born?**
 - a) 1820-1829. Correct. Smetana was born in 1924.
 - b) 1830-1839.
 - c) 1840-1849.
 - d) 1850-1859.

2. **In which period of music is he usually categorised?**
 - a) Baroque.
 - b) Classical.
 - c) Romantic. Correct. The Romantic period runs roughly 1825-1900. Smetana lived from 1824-1884, which makes him firmly in the Romantic era.
 - d) 20th Century.

3. **In which city was he born, and lived most of his life?**
 - a) Vienna.
 - b) Berlin.
 - c) Prague. Correct. Prague is the centre of much European culture.
 - d) Moscow.

4. **Smetana also wrote a very famous opera. What is it called?**
 - a) *The Bartered Bride*. Correct. Written in 1866
 - b) *Così fan Tutti*. Wrong. This comic opera is by Mozart. (1790)
 - c) *Der Ring des Nibelungen*. Wrong. These 4 operas written by Wagner (1848-1874)
 - d) *La Forza del Destino*. Wrong. This opera was written by Verdi (1862)

5. **The Moldau is one of a collection of six tone poems. What is a tone poem?**
 - e) A work in 4 movements that explores a single theme across a long period of time. Wrong. This description fits a Symphony.
 - f) A work for a soloist and orchestra that is often very virtuosic in nature. Wrong. This description fits a Concerto
 - g) A theatre piece featuring singers and telling a story in which all the words are sung. Wrong. This description fits an Opera
 - h) A large scale orchestral work in a single movement often programmatic in nature. Correct.