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Questions / Answers

Level: B



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Answer the questions according to the text

George Gershwin grew up in New York City, and he first **made** his living playing popular music on the piano in "Tin Pan Alley", the music publishing district of New York. It was there that he developed a strong feel for the popular music of the time that served as a basis for the popular songs which he composed.

In addition to his love of popular songs, he enjoyed jazz and believed that jazz was the primary source of truly American folk music. Jazz had, **prior to** Gershwin's time, been performed by small jazz bands and soloists, but Gershwin believed that jazz could serve as the basis for serious symphonic works. Gershwin became the link between jazz and serious classical music with such works as his jazz concerto Rhapsody in Blue and the jazz-inspired orchestral piece «An American in Paris».

1) The word "made" in line 1 could be best replaced by ...

- a) constructed
- b) earned
- c) worked
- d) built



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2) The expression "prior to" in line 6 is closest in meaning to ...

- a) during
- b) after
- c) in
- d) before



3) According to the passage, Tin Pan Alley is ...

- a) a piano shop.
- b) a music studio.
- c) an area in New York City.
- d) a street where Gershwin lived.



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4) Which of the following is NOT true about George Gershwin's relationship with popular music?

- a) He played popular music on the piano.
- b) Popular music was the foundation of some of his songs.
- c) Popular music was the only type of music that he enjoyed.
- d) He wrote some popular songs.

5) Gershwin believed that jazz ...

- a) was real American traditional music.
- b) was not serious music.
- c) should only be played in small bands.
- d) was not as enjoyable as popular music.



6) Gershwin connected jazz with ...

- a) popular music.
- b) serious classical music.
- c) An American in Paris.
- d) folk music.



Bonus Question: Who is your favourite jazz singer?



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