Name _____ Date _____

Time Signatures: Counting Beats in 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4

Directions: Each question names its time signature. Add up the note values to count beats, and type an answer that is not whole as a decimal, such as 1.5.

1. A song is in 3/4 time. What do the two numbers of this time signature tell you?

A. Every measure holds 4 beats, each one 3 quarter notes long.

B. The song has 3 measures, and each one lasts 4 seconds.

C. The song uses 3 quarter notes in all.

D. Every measure holds 3 beats, each one a quarter note long.

2. Each of these measures is complete, with no beats missing or extra. Match each measure to its time signature.

Write the letter of the matching answer on each line.

1. _____ a half note and a quarter note
2. _____ four eighth notes
3. _____ a whole note

A. 2/4

B. 4/4

C. 3/4

D. 5/4

3. Nia fills one measure of 3/4 time with nothing but eighth notes. How many eighth notes does she need?

_____ eighth notes

4. In 3/4 time, Ben's measure starts with three eighth notes. How many more beats does it need? Type your answer as a decimal.

_____ beats

5. Which of these measures contains exactly the right number of beats for 3/4 time?

A. a half note and one eighth note

B. two quarter notes and two eighth notes

C. a half note and two quarter notes

D. three quarter notes and an eighth note

6. A short piece has 4 measures of 3/4 time and then 2 measures of 2/4 time, and every measure is full. How many beats long is the piece?

_____ beats

7. In 3/4 time, a drummer plays 18 quarter notes, one after another. How many complete measures does that make?

_____ measures

8. In 4/4 time, a measure so far has a quarter note and one eighth note. How many more beats will complete it? Type your answer as a decimal.

_____ beats

9. Musicians often call 4/4 time by another name. What is it?

A. cut time B. double time C. common time D. waltz time

10. Which single note fills a complete measure of 2/4 time by itself?

A. a whole note B. a quarter note C. an eighth note D. a half note