Name _____ Date _____

Note Values: How Whole, Half, Quarter and Eighth Notes Compare

Directions: Some questions compare note lengths with each other, and the others count beats in 4/4 time. When an answer falls between two whole numbers, write it as a decimal, like 2.5.

1. Complete the sentence about the whole note.

Word bank

6 • 4 • 2 • 16 • 3 • 8

One whole note lasts exactly as long as _____ half notes, _____ quarter notes or _____ eighth notes.

2. Match each note, or pair of notes, to the group that lasts exactly as long.
Write the letter of the matching answer on each line.

1. _____ a half note
2. _____ a quarter note
3. _____ a half note and a quarter note
4. _____ a quarter note and an eighth note

A. two eighth notes
B. three eighth notes
C. four quarter notes
D. two quarter notes
E. six eighth notes
F. five eighth notes

3. In 4/4 time, a whole note lasts 4 beats, and 8 eighth notes last just as long. How many beats does each eighth note get? Type your answer as a decimal.

_____ beat

4. In 4/4 time, a measure starts with two quarter notes. Which group of notes fills the remaining beats exactly?

A. a half note and an eighth note
B. two half notes
C. four eighth notes
D. six eighth notes

5. In 4/4 time, how many half notes does it take to fill 3 measures?

_____ half notes

6. In 4/4 time, Mia plays three half notes, and Sam plays ten eighth notes. Who plays for more beats, and by how many?

A. Mia, by 1 beat

B. They play for the same number of beats.

C. Sam, by 1 beat

D. Sam, by 7 beats

7. Choose the note that completes Ravi's 4/4 measure.

Word bank

eighth • quarter • whole • half

In 4/4 time, Ravi's measure has a half note, two eighth notes and one _____ note, which fills it exactly.

8. How many eighth notes last as long as a whole note and a half note together?

_____ eighth notes

9. In 4/4 time, Nadia writes seven eighth notes in a row. How many beats are left to fill the measure? Type your answer as a decimal.

_____ beat

10. In 4/4 time, why can't a whole note and a quarter note fit together in one measure?

A. Together they last 5 beats, but a 4/4 measure holds only 4.

B. A whole note must always be the last note of a song.

C. A quarter note can never come after a whole note.

D. Together they last only 3 beats, which is too few.