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of the instruments on the symphony orchestra. Sheet music or printed music, too, is material culture. Scholars once defined folk music cultures as those in which people learn and sing music by ear rather than from print, but research shows mutual influence among oral and written sources during the past few centuries in Europe, Britain, and America. Printed versions limit variety because they tend to standardize any song, yet they stimulate people to create new and different songs. Besides, the ability to read music notation (乐谱) has a far-reaching effect on musicians and, when it becomes widespread, on the music-culture as a whole. One more important part of music's material culture should be singled out: the influence of the electronic media—radio, record player, tape recorder, television, and videocassette, with the future promising talking and singing computers and other developments. This is all part of the “information revolution,” a twentieth-century phenomenon as important as the industrial revolution was in the nineteenth. These electronic media are not just limited to modern nations. They have affected music-cultures all over the globe.

21. Research into the material culture of a nation is of great importance because .A) it helps produce new cultural tools and technology B) it can reflect the development of the nation C) it helps understand the nation's past and present D) it can demonstrate the nation's civilization

22. It can be learned from this passage that .A) the existence of the symphony was attributed to the spread of Near Eastern and Chinese music B) Near Eastern music had an influence on the development of the instruments in the symphony orchestra C) the development of the

symphony shows the mutual influence of Eastern and Western musicD) the musical instruments in the symphony orchestra were developed on the basis of Near Eastern music 23. According to the author, music notation is important because .A) it has a great effect on the music-culture as more and more people are able to read itB) it tends to standardize folk songs when it is used by folk musiciansC) it is the printed version of standardized folk musicD) it encourages people to popularize printed versions of songs 24. It can be concluded from the passage that the introduction of electronic media into the world of music .A) has brought about an information revolutionB) has speeded up the arrival of a new generation of computersC) has given rise to new forms of music cultureD) has led to the transformation of traditional musical instruments 25. Which of the following best summarizes the main idea of the passage?A) Musical instruments developed through the years will sooner or later be replaced by computers.B) Music cannot be passed on to future generations unless it is recorded.C) Folk songs cannot be spread far unless they are printed on music sheets.D) The development of music culture is highly dependent on its material aspect. 100Test

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