

Class 9 - Arts

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The Science of Music

CBSE NOTES

The Science of Music - Revision Guide

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1. Music as art and science.

Music serves as both an emotional outlet and a focus of study, intertwining art with science.

2. Categories of musical instruments.

Instruments are classified into four groups: string, wind, percussion, and solid.

3. C.V. Raman's contribution.

Raman's work with mṛdaṅgam and tabla revealed complex sound vibrations and tuning.

4. Sound production through vibrations.

Strings vibrate to produce sound; factors like tension and thickness affect pitch and quality.

5. Hollow body instruments.

A hollow body enhances sound projection by amplifying the vibrations of the strings.

6. Subsystems of the human voice.

The voice involves air pressure (diaphragm), vibration (larynx), and resonance (throat/mouth).



7. Vocal care essentials.

Stay hydrated, eat healthy, and avoid loud speaking to maintain vocal cord health.

8. Importance of vocal warm-ups.

Regular warm-ups improve vocal strength, flexibility, and breath control essential for singing.

9. Breathing exercises for singers.

Deep breathing engages the diaphragm, enhancing long phrases' control during singing.

10. Humming benefits.

Humming strengthens vocal cords and creates resonance, vital for effective singing.

11. Lip trills for relaxation.

Lip trills ease facial stress and enhance airflow, improving vocal performance.

12. Rhythmic building blocks.

Musical phrases like 'taka takita' create various rhythm patterns and enhance musicality.



13. Concepts from ancient texts.

Indian texts define terms related to sound such as dhvani, nāda, and svaras.

14. Using LCM in rhythm.

Lowest Common Multiple helps in understanding how rhythmic cycles coincide in music.

15. Teen Tāla example.

Teen Tāla consists of 16 beats, demonstrating rhythmic patterns used in Indian music.

16. Experiencing string vibrations.

Experimenting with rubber bands shows how tension and material affect sound quality.

17. Vocal exercises for flexibility.

Vocal exercises like 'sargam' patterns enhance control and allow longer singing phrases.

18. Quality of sound factors.

String thickness and material affect tone quality, influencing musical performance.



19. Role of musical notes.

Musical notes are fundamental units in creating melodies, organized in various scales.

20. Singing sustained sounds.

Sustained tones require breath control, engaging the diaphragm and vocal cords effectively.



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