A Test of General Rock and Roll Knowledge

- 1. This song, by this "one hit wonder," group was considered the end of the line for the Classic Doo-Wop era in the United States.
 - (A) *Book of Love* by the Silhouettes
 - (B) Get a Job by the Monotones
 - (C) Book of Love by the Platters
 - (D) *Book of Love* by the Monotones
 - (E) *Come Go with Me* by the Dell Vikings
- 2. The Payola Scandal of the late 1950's and early 1960's generally involved:
 - (A) Tax evasion by recording artists
 - (B) Accusations of Rock & Roll as communist propaganda
 - (C) Pay to radio DJ's to play the records produced by record companies
 - (D) Television game shows
 - (E) Violation of copyright laws
- 3. Moog synthesizer is an:
 - (A) instrument
 - (B) recording medium
 - (C) musical genre of the 1960's
 - (D) Top 40 rock group
 - (E) song
- 4. This late 1960's Top 40 rock group, The Monkees, are credited for being the first to produce a recording with this instrument:
 - (A) banjo
 - (B) Moog Synthesizer
 - (C) slack guitar
 - (D) slide guitar
 - (E) sitar
- 5. What was the primary reason Cleveland was selected as the site for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame?
 - (A) most Rock & Roll records were produced there
 - (B) cash
 - (C) pity
 - (D) economic stability
 - (E) Alan Freed, a local Cleveland DJ of the 1950's, is largely credited for coining the term Rock & Roll to identify this new music genre

6. Which of the following statements characterizes the sound of surf music from the 1960's?
(A) All surf songs were instrumental
(B) There were never drums in surf songs
(C) All surf songs were produced by the Beach Boys or Jan & Dean
(D) Many surf songs consisted of a twangy guitar sound and higher range vocals

All surf music had female backup vocals and a reggae beat

- 7. Which record company contributed most to the "Memphis Sound?"
 - (A) Stax

(E)

- (B) Capitol and Warner Bros.
- (C) Columbia and Chess
- (D) Motown and Atco
- (E) Chess and American
- 8. A technique for creating the staccato "thumping" bass sound characteristic of funk was:
 - (A) using a capo
 - (B) using a slide
 - (C) slapping the bass strings with the thumb
 - (D) plucking the strings with a pick
 - (E) plucking the strings with a fingernail
- 9. Some of the reasons for the rise of Top 40 AM radio during the 50's include:
 - (A) The take over of independent radio stations by chain owners and heavy market research on music popularity
 - (B) DJ pioneers
 - (C) Improved transmission technology
 - (D) Shows like American Bandstand
 - (E) The white cover versions of traditionally black R&B
- 10. Which pair of artists met their death from drug overdoses?
 - (A) Joplin and Slick
 - (B) Hendrix and Joplin
 - (C) Hendrix and Redding
 - (D) Joplin and Chapin
 - (E) Lennon and Morrison
- 11. The British Invasion included which of the following Rock & Roll groups?
 - (A) Gerry and the Pacemakers
 - (B) The Swinging Blue Jeans
 - (C) The Searchers
 - (D) The Beatles
 - (E) All of the Above