

# Bismillah Khan

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1. i) Pungi
- ii) A barber
- iii) Professional musicians
- iv) Ali bux
- v) Afghanistan

2. i) Teaching children & music → positive
- ii) the film suworld → Negative
- iii) Migrating to the USA → Negative.
- iv) playing at temples → Neutral
- v) getting the Bharat Ratna
- vi) The banks of the Ganga → Positive
- vii) Negative

3. i) Aurangzeb banned the playing of the pungi because it had a shrill & ~~unpleasant~~ unpleasant sound.

ii) A shehnai is a pipe with a natural hollow ~~that~~ that is longer & broader than a pungi.



than a pungi. It has seven holes on the body of the pipe with a natural hollow that is longer & broader than a pungi. It has seven holes on the body of the pipe.

3. The shehnai was played traditionally in the temple at the royal courts and on the occasion of weddings. The credit must go to Bismillah Khan to take this instrument onto a classic stage.
4. Bismillah Khan got his big break with the opening of All India Radio in Lucknow in 1938.
5. Bismillah Khan played the ~~set~~ shehnai on 15 August 1947 at the Red Fort. He was the first Indian to greet the nation with his musical instruments. This event was historic.



because we got independence on that day. He poured his heart out in the presence of a large no. of people including President Jawaharlal Nehru.

6. He refused to start a sehnai school in the USA because he never wanted to leave India. He loved India so much & he didn't want to settle anywhere except India. That's why whenever he was in a foreign country, he kept yearning to see Hindustan.

7. Bismillah Khan loves India & Banaras. The sound of music 197 from the bottom of his heart. He says that he mixes the holy Ganga & India when he goes abroad. While in Mumbai, he thinks of only Banaras, Banaras and the holy river. & when he is in Banaras, he



remembers the unique mattha of  
⑥ Durraton

### Thinking about Language

1. i) To win
- ii) ~~to~~ succeed
- iii) to take her to a specialist
- iv) play
- v) Play a new raga

2. i) royal residence
- ii) solitude
- iii) an indispensable component
- iv) improve
- v) Effortlessly
- vi) thick; fat

3. i) lives again
- ii) stopped
- iii) welcome it
- iv) interesting
- v) find it good & ~~useful~~ useful
- vi) for the second time.
- vii) no longer upsetting



~~Speaking~~

1/2 Writing

Yes they both worked hard. It is a fact that dedication & determination help one in attaining one's long cherished goals. ~~At~~ Evelyn Glennie was profoundly deaf. She was not ready to give up. She was determined to lead a normal life & pursue her interest in music. She worked hard & got Royal Philharmonic Society's prestigious Soloist of the year award 1991. She ~~accomplished~~ accomplished more than most people twice her age. Bismillah Khan belongs to a well known family of Musicians from Bihar. He took music early in life. He gave many memorable performances in India & abroad. He practised hard and



reached his destination in 2001 when he was awarded India's Highest Civilian Award, the Bharat Ratna. The other national rewards like the Padma Shri & Padma - Bhushan & the Padma Vibhushan were also conferred on him. His life has been a perfect example of rich cultural Heritage of India.