

(Part II) The Sound of Music

Shehnai of Bismillah Khan

- I) 1) The (Shehnai, Pungi) was a needed noisemaker
- 2) (Bismillah Khan, A barber, Ali Bux) transformed the Pungi into Shehnai
- 3) Bismillah Khan's paternal ancestors were (Barber, Professional musicians)
- 4) Bismillah Khan learnt to play Shehnai from (Ali Bux, Paigambar Bux, ustad Faiyaz Khan)
- 5) Bismillah Khan's first trip abroad was to (Afghanistan, USA, Canada)

(II) Bismillah Khan's feeling about	Positive	negative	neutral
(1) Teaching children music	✓		
(2) The film world		✓	
(3) migration to the USA		✓	
(4) playing at temples			✓
(5) Getting the Bharat Ratna	✓		
(6) The Banks of Ganga	✓		
(7) Leaving Banarasi Durga		✓	

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1) Why did Aurangzeb ban the playing of Pungi?

Aurangzeb banned the playing of the musical instrument Pungi because of its shrill and unpleasant sound. He banned its use in the royal residence.

2) How is shehnai different from a Pungi?

A shehnai is a pipe with a natural hollow that is longer & broader than Pungi; Pungi was shorter. It has seven holes on the body of the pipe. The sound of the shehnai was considered to be auspicious but Pungi produced shrill & unpleasant sound.

3) Where was the shehnai played traditionally? How did Bismillah Khan change this?

The shehnai was played traditionally in the temple at the royal courts and in weddings. The change Bismillah Khan did was he took the instrument onto the classical stage.

4) When and how did Bismillah Khan get his big break?

Bismillah Khan got his big break with the opening of the All India Radio in Lucknow in 1938.

5) Where did Bismillah Khan play the Shehnai on 15 Aug 1947? Why was the event historic?

Bismillah Khan played the Shehnai on 15 August 1947 at the Red Fort. He was the first Indian to greet the nation with his musical instrument. This event was historic because we got independence on that day & he poured his heart out in the presence of large numbers of people including Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru.

6) Why did Bismillah Khan refuse to start a Shehnai school in USA?

He refused to start a Shehna School in the USA because he never wanted to leave India. He loved India so much & he did not want to settle anywhere except India. That is why whenever he was in a foreign country, he kept yearning to see Hindustan.

7) Find the last two instances in the text which tell you that Bismillah Khan loves India & Benares.

Bismillah Khan loves India & Banaras from the bottom of his heart. He says that he misses the holy Ganga & India when he is abroad, while in Mumbai he thinks of only Banaras & the holy river, and when he is in Benares, he remembers the unique mattha of Dumraon.

Thinking about Language

- I) 1) The School Sports team hopes to win (What does it hope to do?)
- 2) We all want to succeed (What do we all want to do?)
- 3) They advised the hearing-impaired child's mother to take her (What did they advise her to do?) to a specialist
- 4) The authorities permitted us to play (What did they permit us to do?)
- 5) A musician decided to play a new (What did he decide to do?) Raaga

II) 1) The home of Royal People royal residence

- 2) The state of being alone solitude
- 3) A part which is absolutely necessary an indispensable component
- 4) To do something not done before improvise
- 5) Without much effort effortlessly

6) Quichny & in large quantities thick & last

ii) 1) When something is revived it (remains dead/live again)

2) When a government bans something, it wants it
(stopped / started)

3) When something is considered auspicious
(welcome it / avoid it)

4) When we take something, we bind it
(boring / interesting)

5) When you appreciate something, you
(bind it good & useful / bind it of no use)

6) When you replicate something, you do it
(born the first time / born the second time)

7) When we come to terms with something,
it is (still upsetting / no longer upsetting)

Adjective	only before noun	not before noun	both before & after the verb be
indispensable			✓
impressed			✓
abstaid			after the verb be
outdoor	✓		after the verb be
paternal	✓		✓
countless	✓		
priceless			after the verb be

- 1) He made himself indispensable to the parish priest.
- 2) My sister seemed impressed with his work.
- 3) She is abstaid of her father.
- 4) I like outdoor game.
- 5) He lives in paternal home.
- 6) The district library has countless reference books.
- 7) Your gift is priceless.