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## PART - II

### THE SHEHNAI OF BISMILLAH KHAN.

Thinking about the long text.

- I)
- 1) The pungi was a 'reeded noisemaker.'
  - 2) A barber transformed the pungi into a shehnai.
  - 3) Bismillah Khan's paternal ancestors were professional musicians.
  - 4) Bismillah Khan learnt to play the shehnai from Ali Bux.
  - 5) Bismillah Khan's first trip abroad was to Afghanistan.

Positive	Negative	Neutral
i) Teaching children music.	ii) The film world	iv) Playing at temples.
v) Getting the Bharat Ratna.	iii) Migrating to the U.S.A	
vi) The Banks of Ganga.	vii) Leaving Benaras & Dumraon.	

ii) 1) Why did Aurangzeb ban the playing of the pungi?  
 Ans) Aurangzeb banned the playing of pungi because it had a shrill & unpleasant sound.

2) How is a shehnai different from a pungi?  
 Ans) A shehnai is a pipe with a natural hollow that is longer & broader than a pungi. It has seven holes on the body of the pipe.

3) Where was the shehnai played traditionally? How did Bismillah Khan change this?  
 Ans) The shehnai was played traditionally in the temple at the royal courts on the occasion of weddings. The credit must go to Bismillah Khan to take this instrument onto the classical stage.

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

Ans) 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 August 1947? Why was the event historic?

Ans) Bismillah Khan played the ~~she~~ shehnai on 15 August 1947 at the Red Fort. He was the 1st Indian to greet the nation with his musical instrument. The 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 Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.

6) Why did Bismillah Khan refuse to start a shehnai school in the U.S.A?

Ans) He refused to start a shehnai school in the USA because ~~he~~ he never wanted ~~to~~ 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 ~~to~~ yearning to see HINDUSTAN.

7) Find at least two instances <sup>in</sup> the text which tells you that Bismillah Khan loves India & Benaras.

Ans) Bismillah Khan loves India & Benaras from core of his heart. He says that he misses the holy Ganga & India when he goes abroad. While in Mumbai, he thinks of only Benaras & the holy river. And when he is in Benaras, he remembers the unique mattha of Dumraon.

### Thinking About The Language:

- I) 1) The school sports team hopes to win.
- 2) We all want to succeed.
- 3) They advised the hearing-impaired child's mother to take her to a specialist.
- 4) The authorities permitted us to play.
- 5) A musician decided to play a new raga.

- 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) Quickly & in large quantities ~~large~~ thick & fast.

- III) 1) when something is revived, it lives again.  
2) when a govt. bans something, it wants it stopped.  
3) when something is considered auspicious. Welcome it.  
4) when we take to something we find it interesting.  
5) when you appreciate something, you ~~do it~~ find it good & useful.  
6) when you replicate something, you do it for the second time.  
7) when we come to terms with something, it is no longer upsetting.

IV) Only before noun	Not before noun	Both before & after the verb 'be'
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Impressed		✓
Afraid		after the verb 'be'
Outdoors	✓	"
Paternal	✓	✓
Countless	✓	
Pricelless		after the verb 'be'

Writing.  
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Q1) "If you work hard & know where you're going, you'll get there," says Evelyn Glennie.

You have now read about 2 musicians, Evelyn Glennie & Ustad Bismillah Khan. Do you think that they both worked hard? Where did they want to 'go'? Answer these questions in 2 paragraphs, one on each of the 2 musicians.

Ans) Yes, they both worked hard. It is a fact that dedication & determination help one in attaining one's long cherished goals. 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 ~~past~~ Year Award in 1991. She accomplished more than most people twice her age.

Ustad Bismillah Khan belongs to a well known family of musicians from Bihar. He took to music early in life. He gave many memorable performances in India & abroad. He practised hard & reached his destination in 2001 when he was awarded India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna. The other National Awards like the Padma Shri, the Padma Bhushan & the Padma Vibhushan were also conferred on him. His life has been a perfect example of the rich, cultural heritage of India.