

Homework

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The sound of Music

Question / answers

Part - II

Think about the Text

- 1) The (shehnai / pungi) was a needed noise maker.
- 2) (Bismillah Khan / A barber / Ali Bux) transformed the pungi into a shehnai.
- 3) Bismillah Khan's paternal ancestors were (barbers / professional musicians).
- 4) Bismillah Khan learnt to play the shehnai from (Ali Bux / Faigambar Bux / Ustad Faiyaz Khan).
- 5) Bismillah Khan's first trip abroad was to (Afghanistan / U.S.A / Canada).

II]	Bismillah Khan's feeling about	Positive	Negative	Neutral
i)	teaching children music	✓		
ii)	the film world		✓	
iii)	migrating to the USA		✓	
iv)	playing at temples			✓
v)	getting Bharat Ratna.	✓		
vi)	the banks of the Ganga	✓		
vii)	leaving Benaras & Sumraon		✓	

III] 1) Why did Aurangzeb ban the playing of the pungi?

Aurangzeb banned the playing of the pungi because of the shrill unpleasant sound of the instrument.

2) How is a shehnai different from a pungi?
A shehnai's stem is hollow, longer and broader than that of a pungi. Shehnai has holes in its body.

3) Where was the shehnai played traditionally?
How did Bismillah Khan change this?
Traditionally, shehnai was a part of the nautanki or traditional assembly ensemble of

nine instruments found at royal courts, it was played in temples & at marriages.

Bismillah Khan took it onto the classical stage.

4) When & how did Bismillah Khan get his big break?
Bismillah Khan got his big break with the opening of All India Radio in Lucknow in 1938. He became an often-heard shehnai player on radio.

5) Where did Bismillah Khan play the shehnai on 15 August 1947? Why was the event historic?
Bismillah Khan played the shehnai from the Red Fort on 15th August 1947. He was the first Indian to greet the nation with his shehnai. The event was historic because that is the day when India got independence. Bismillah Khan played Raag Kafi to an audience that included Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

6) Why did Bismillah Khan refuse to start a shehnai school in the U.S.A?
Bismillah Khan refused to start a shehnai school in the U.S.A because he did not want to leave his country. He felt an unbreakable bond with

towns - Sumraon & Benaras & with
river Ganga.

7) Find at least two instances in the text which
tell you that Bismillah Khan loves India
& Benaras.

Two instances in the text which tell us that
Bismillah Khan loves India & Benaras are :-

> He says that whenever he is in a foreign
country, he keeps ~~missing~~ yearning to see
Hindustan.

> He also says that when he is in Mumbai, he
thinks of only Benaras & the holy Ganga.

Think about language

I] 1) The school sports team hopes to win the competition
(what does it hope to do?)

2) We all want to succeed in our lives
(what do we all want to do?)

3) They advised the hearing impaired child's mother to take care of the child
(what did they advise her to do?)

4) The authorities permitted us to perform the dance in stadium. (what did the authorities permitted us to do?)

5) A musician decided to play the music in front of the audience.
(what did the musician decide to do?)

II] ^{the} home of royal people (1) royal residence.

2) the state of being alone (2) solitude

3) a part which is absolutely necessary (3) indispensable

4) to do something not done before (5) invent

5) without much effort (13) effortlessly

6) quickly ^{an} & large quantities (9) thick & fast

III] \hookrightarrow when something is revived, it (remains dead / lives 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 to something, we find it (boring / interesting)

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

6) When you replicate something, you (~~find it good~~ do it (for the first time / for the second time))

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

IV] adjective	only before noun	not before noun	both before & after the verb to
Indispensable			✓
impressed		✓	✓
Afraid		✓	✓
outdoors	✓		
paternal	✓		
countless	✓		
priceless	✓		✓

sentences

- 1) Indispensable : Electronic gadgets have become indispensable to modern life.
- 2) Impressed : He was impressed by his friend's project.
- 3) Afraid : My friend is afraid of dogs.
- 4) Outdoors : Outdoor games are necessary for keeping yourself healthy.
- 5) Paternal : My paternal uncle lives in Bhutan.
- 6) Countless : There are countless stars in the sky.

⇒ Priceless : Children's smiles are priceless.

Writing

"If you work hard & know where you're going, you'll get there," says Evelyn Eyennie.

You have now read about two musicians, Evelyn Eyennie & Ustad Bismillah Khan. Do you think that they both worked hard? Where did they want to 'go'?

Answer these questions in two paragraphs, one on each of the two musician.

Yes they both worked extremely hard. They wanted to pursue music as their career and achieve heights.

Evelyn Eyennie is an inspiration to everyone. She grew profoundly deaf by the time she was eleven years old. But, she did not let the disability to listen become a hurdle in pursuing her career in music. She auditioned in Royal Academy of Music in London when she was sixteen years old & scored one of the highest marks in the

history of the academy. In a field like music that's entirely unkeen to listening, she began to sense music through different parts of her body. She brought percussion to the front of the orchestra. She was awarded with the Royal Philharmonic Society's soloist of the Year Award in the year 1991. She inspires people with her life & optimism.

Ustad Bismillah Khan belonged to a family of professional musicians. Shehnai was being used in temples & at marriages, but the credit of bringing the shehnai onto the classical stage goes to Ustad Bismillah Khan. He took to music in early years of his life. At the age of three, he was fascinated watching his uncles playing the shehnai. On the day of Independence of India, he was the first Indian to greet the nation with his shehnai. He was strongly bonded to Benaras & the holy Ganga. He was awarded India's highest civilian award - Bharat Ratra. National award like the Padmashri, the Padma Bhushan & the Padma Vibhushan were conferred on him.