

Question / Answers - Part II

Q1. Tick the right answer.

Ans-1. The pungī was a 'reeded noisemaker'.

Ans-2. A barber transformed the pungī into a shehnai.

Ans-3. Bismillah Khan's paternal ancestors were professional musicians.

Ans-4. Bismillah Khan learnt to play the shehnai from Ali Bux.

Ans-5. Bismillah Khan's first trip abroad was to Afghanistan.

Q2. Answer these questions in 30-40 words.

Ans-1. Emperor Aurangzeb banned the playing of a musical ~~instrument~~ instrument called pungī in the royal residence for it had a shrill ~~an~~ unpleasant sound. Pungī became a generic name for reeded noisemakers.

Ans: 2. Shehnai has a better tonal quality than pungi. It is a natural hollow stem pipe with holes on its body and is longer and broader than the pungi. Shehnai is, in a way, an improvement upon the pungi.

Ans: 3. The Shehnai was traditionally played in royal courts, temples and weddings. Bismillah Khan changed this by bringing this instrument onto the classical stage.

Ans: 4. Bismillah Khan got his ~~to~~ big break in 1938. The All India Radio opened in Lucknow and Bismillah Khan played shehnai on radio. He soon became an often heard player on radio. He became the first Indian to greet the nation with his shehnai. He poured his heart out into Raag Kafi from the Red Fort on 15 August, 1947.

Ans:-5. On 15 August 1947, Bismillah Khan played the Raag Kafi on his shehnai from the Red Fort. The event was historical because it was on the occasion of India's Independence from British rule. It was also also because, the audience included Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India.

Ans:-6. Bismillah Khan refused one of his student's request to start a shehnai school in the U.S.A because he would not live away from Hindustan, specifically, from Benaras, the River Ganga and Sunnason.

Ans:-7. Two instances in the text which tell us that Bismillah Khan loves India and Benaras are:-

1. He says that whenever he is in a foreign country, he keeps yearning to see Hindustan.
2. He also also says that when he is

in Mumbai, he thinks of only Benaras and the holy Ganga.

Thinking about Language

I. Ans:-1. The school sports team ~~to~~ hopes to win the match.

Ans:-2. We all want to succeed in our life.

Ans:-3. They advised the hearing-impaired child's mother to consult a doctor.

Ans:-4. The authorities permitted us to construct the building.

Ans:-5. A musician decided to open a school for children.

II. Ans:-1. the name of royal people (1) the royal residence

Ans:-2. the state of being alone (5) solitude

Ans:- 3. a part which is absolutely necessary
indispensable.

Ans:- 4. to do something not done
before (5) invent.

Ans:- 5. without much effort (13) effortlessly.

Ans:- 6. quickly and in large quantities
(9) thick and fast.

III. 1. When something is revived, it
lives again.

2. When a government bans something,
it ~~want~~ 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 find it good and 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.

Writing

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

Evelyn Glennie is an inspiration to everyone. She ~~was~~^{grew} profoundly deaf by the time she was eleven years old. But she didn't let her disability become a hurdle in pursuing her career in music. When ~~she~~^{Enough} Evelyn Glennie was only seventeen, she auditioned in Royal Academy of Music in London and scored one of the highest marks in the history of the academy. ~~She~~ Though she ~~was~~^{is} deaf, she ~~could~~ can 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 1991. She inspires people with her life and optimism.

Ustad Bismillah Khan belongs to a well known family of musicians from Bihar. He took to music ~~at~~ early in life. At the age of three, he was quite fascinated watching his uncles playing the shehnai. He was the first Indian to greet the ~~to~~ nation with his shehnai on the day of independence. He gave many memorable performances in India and abroad. He practised hard and reached his destination ~~at~~ in 2001 when he was ~~to~~ awarded India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna. The other National Awards like the Padmashri, the Padma Bhushan and the Padma Vibhushan were

at also conferred on him. His life has been a perfect example of the rich, cultural heritage of India.

5. Bismillah Khan's first trip abroad was to (Afghanistan, U.S.A., Canada).

11. Find the words in the text which show Ustad Bismillah Khan's feelings about the items listed below. Then mark a tick (✓) in the correct column. Discuss your answers in class.

<i>Bismillah Khan's feelings about</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neutral</i>
1. teaching children music	✓		
2. the film world		✓	
3. migrating to the U.S.A.		✓	
4. playing at temples	✓		
5. getting the Bharat Ratna	✓		
6. the banks of the Ganga	✓		
7. leaving Benaras and Dumraon		✓	