

JINENDER SONI
Founder, MISSION GYAN**Chapter-2 | The Sound
of Music****Worksheet-1****Multiple Choice Questions**

1. **Which statement is Evelyn mostly likely to agree with?**
 - (a) Talent is at least as important as hard work for success.
 - (b) Perseverance is the most important trait for success.
 - (c) Success depends most on the right circumstances.
 - (d) Success cannot be achieved without others' support.
2. **In which prestigious institution did Evelyn pursue her career in music and build her dreams into reality?**
 - (a) London College of Music in London
 - (b) The Royal College of Music in London
 - (c) The Royal Academy of Music in London
 - (d) Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London
3. **Tahar Mosiquee Ustaad Bismillah Khan auditorium is situated in**
 - (a) Montreal
 - (b) Tehran
 - (c) Behrin
 - (d) Osaka
4. **Who banned pungi from the royal residence?**
 - (a) Emperor Akbar
 - (b) Shah Jahan
 - (c) Jahangir
 - (d) Emperor Aurangzeb
5. **How did Evelyn establish herself as one of the best percussionists without being able to hear any sound?**
 - (a) She began to read books on music.
 - (b) She learnt to open her mind to sounds and vibrations.
 - (c) She started using hearing aids.
 - (d) She saw people playing instruments and tried copying their movements.
6. **Which phrase would be the most suitable heading for the last paragraph?**
 - (a) Evelyn Glennie's Achievements
 - (b) Evelyn Glennie's Youth
 - (c) Inspired by Evelyn Glennie
 - (d) Who is Evelyn Glennie
7. **When did Evelyn feel everything so dark in life?**
 - (a) When she failed in her music audition
 - (b) When she performed poorly at the examination
 - (c) When she was advised to use hearing aids and go to the deaf school
 - (d) When she was advised to go to a deaf school

8. Who spotted Evelyn's potential?

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| (a) Friends | (b) Her father |
| (c) Mother | (d) Ron Forbes |

9. Which instrument did Ustad Bismillah Khan expertise in?

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| (a) Shehnai | (b) Nadaswaram |
| (c) Flute | (d) Pungi |

10. Where did Bismillah Khan regularly go to sing Bhojpuri thaltat?

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| (a) Bihariji Temple | (b) Jama Masjid |
| (c) Durga Temple | (d) Rumpurva Temple |

Fill in the blanks :

11. The instrument of shehnai was brought to the _____ stage in the history of Indian music by Ustad Bismillah Khan.
12. The author of 'The Sound of Music' is _____.

True / False

13. James Blades is the name of the master percussionist who praised Evelyn.
14. Bismillah Khan learnt shehnai from Ali Bux.

Very Short Type Questions

15. How do we know that the sound of Shehnai is considered auspicious?
16. When and how did Bismillah Khan get his big break?

Short Type Questions

17. When and how did Evelyn lose her power of hearing?
18. Who revived the Pungi and what shape did it take?

Essay Type Questions

19. Who helped Evelyn to continue with music? What did he do and say?
20. Find at least two instances in the text which tell you that Bismillah Khan loves India and Benaras.

21. **Assertion (A) :** Evelyn Glennie is an inspiration for the differently abled.

Reason (R) : She gives free performances in prisons and hospitals and is generous and courteous.

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- (c) A is true, but R is false.
- (d) A is false, but R is true.

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Answer & Solution

1. (b) Perseverance is the most important trait for success
2. (c)
Evelyn Glennie decided to make music her life at the age of sixteen and auditioned at the Royal Academy of Music in London where she scored one of the highest marks in the history of the Academy.
3. (b)
Tahar Mosiquee Ustaad Bismillah Khan auditorium is situated in Tehran.
4. (d)
Emperor Aurangzeb banned the playing of a musical instrument called pungi in the royal residence because of its shrill and unpleasant sound.
5. (b)
Unable to revive her ability to hear she tried to emphasise on the other senses of her body through her mind as suggested by her teacher Ron Forbes and started to feel the music through the various parts of her body being able to distinguish the different sounds in different body parts.
6. (a) Evelyn Glennie's Achievements
7. (c) When she was advised to use hearing aids and go to a deaf school
8. (d) Ron Forbes
9. (a)
Since his childhood, Ustad Bismillah Khan was fascinated with the instrument of shehnai and gradually developed his skill in playing it for which he was presented with India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna.
10. (a) Bihariji Temple
11. classical
12. deborah Cowley I
13. True
14. True
15. The sound produced by the shehnai signifies something auspicious and is played on good occasions. It is considered auspicious because it is played in temples, and is a must for all happy occasions like marriages.
16. Bismillah Khan got his big break in 1938. The All India Radio opened in Lucknow and Bismillah Khan played shehnai on the radio. He soon became an often-heard player on the radio. He became the first Indian to greet the nation with his shehnai from the Red Fort on 15 August 1947.

17. Evelyn lost her power of hearing due to gradual nerve damage. At the age of eight, her mother noticed her hearing problem and by the age of eleven, it was confirmed that Evelyn had lost her hearing ability.
18. When Aurangzeb banned the playing of the Pungi in the royal residence, a barber who belonged to a family of professional musicians revived it by taking a wider and longer hollow stem and making seven holes in it. The improved Pungi produced soft and sweet sounds.
19. Evelyn's talent was discovered by Percussionist Ron Forbes who helped her to continue with music. He asked her not to listen through ears but to sense the sound in some other manner. Suddenly she realised that she could feel the higher drum from the waist up and the lower drum from the waist down. Evelyn, being a girl of strong determination repeated the exercise as guided by Forbes and sensed certain vibrations flowing through every part of her body.
20. Bismillah Khan loves India and Benaras from the bottom of his heart. He says that he misses the holy Ganga and India when he goes abroad. While in Mumbai, he thinks of only Benaras and the holy river. And when he is in Benaras, he remembers the unique mattha of Dumraon.
21. (a) Evelyn's charitable attitude and free performances reflect her kind nature, which indeed inspires the differently abled.

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