

## **CHAPTER-26**

### ***Ustad Bismillah Khan***

Q1) Bismillah Khan was earlier named Qamaruddin. However, when his grandfather Rasool Baksh Khan saw him as a baby, he uttered the word 'Bismillah', and hence he came to be known as Bismillah Khan. Who was Bismillah Khan? Why was he famous?

Q2) "Music has no caste", what did Bismillah Khan meant by this statement?

Q3) Mention any 2 qualities of Bismillah Khan and which two qualities do you appreciate the most and why?

Q4) Where was the shehnai played traditionally? How did Bismillah Khan change this?

Q5) State instances from the story which made Bismillah different from others.

Q6) What values were propagated by Ustab Bismillah Khan along with his love for music. Name few awards that he was blessed with.

Q7) Complete the blanks with the negative or the interrogative form of the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

Joe : Hi, Susan! What are you doing?

Susan: I'm watching the cricket team.

Joe: Do you watch (watch) them every day?

Susan: No, I don't. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not play) every day. They play four times a week.

Joe: \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a favourite player?

Susan: No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) a favourite player. Everyone on the team is good.

Joe: \_\_\_\_\_ the baller \_\_\_\_\_ (move) fast?

Susan: No, he \_\_\_\_\_ (not move) fast, but he's very clever. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (like) cricket, Joe?

Joe: No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) it. I like football. It's a great sport.

Q8) Complete with: carry on, get on, hold on, put on, try on.

1. Hi! Is Mr. Kukreja in? ....., I'll call him.
2. Excuse me, could I ..... this dress, please?
3. How are you ..... at college?
4. Are you still ..... with your dance lessons?
5. It was a bit cold, so she ..... her jacket.

Q9) Complete the sentences with one of the prepositions from the box.

AT – BY - FOR – IN - OF – ON - OUT - TO - WITH

- I felt nothing but hatred \_\_\_\_\_ the person who attacked her.
- There are many advantages \_\_\_\_\_ speaking foreign languages.
- I have a lot \_\_\_\_\_ respect for the teachers I had \_\_\_\_\_ school.
- I would like to do a course \_\_\_\_\_ classical singing.
- He was \_\_\_\_\_ trial \_\_\_\_\_ having murdered his wife.
- We went to see an exhibition \_\_\_\_\_ Indian history.

Q10) Have you ever heard a shehnai being played – at a marriage ceremony, during a religious procession, or maybe on television? The shehnai is a classical musical instrument and Ustad Bismillah Khan was a great exponent of the same. He was one of the finest Indian classical musicians that India ever produced.

Who is your favourite artist/singer/dancer/actor? Write a paragraph about your favourite artist in about 100-150 words.