

Concert

Multiple choice

- 1) Pandit Ravi Shankar's concert was arranged at
A. Shanmukhananda Auditorium. b. Gangapur c. Pune d. Cricket Stadium
- 2) Pandit Ravi Shankar is the maestro in playing_.
A. tabla **B. sitar** C. violin D. drum
- 3) The chance of life time for Anant was_.
A. To talk to Ravi shankar B. to welcome Ravi shankar his home
C. to be a part of concert **D. To hear and see Pandit Ravi Shankar**
- 4) The announcement in the newspaper that excited Smitha was_.
A. there was a cricket match at wanede stadium
B. Five men were killed in an accident
C. flower show had been arranged at the nearby park
D. Pandit Ravi Shankar's concert was arranged at shanmukhananda auditorium.
- 5) The known frightening truth to Smitha was
A. her brother Anant was going to die of cancer B. She would be failed in exam.
C. The doctors would visit her home frequently D. She would go to concern with her father
- 6) The native place of Smitha's family was
A. Bombay B. Delhi **C. Gaganpur** D. Kolkata
- 7) Smitha's family used to stay in Bombay at____
A. the hospital **B. Aunt Sushila's apartment in Bombay** c. Resort in Bombay D. their rented house
- 8) The suggestion given by Aunt Sushila to Smitha to feel better was_.
A. to walk in the park B. watch a movie c. play sitar D. play tabla
- 10) The audience respected the Great master Pandit Ravi shankar by____
A. clapping loudly B. shouting slogan on him **c. a standing ovation** D. praying silently
- 11) The person who made a long boring speech at the concert was_
A. the singer B. Ravishankar c. Allah Rakha **D. A large mustachioed man**
- 12) Smitha wriggled through the crowd. Because she wanted to
A. meet and see Pandit RaviShankar B. Meet the music band
C. congratulate Ravi Shankar **D. Invite Ravi Shankar home**
- 13) Who was a frequent accompanist to Pandit Ravi Shankar
A. Ustad Bismilla Khan **B. Ustad Allah Rakha** c. his friend D. His guruji
- 14) Who discouraged Smitha to when she requested Ravishankar?
A. **large moustachioed man** B. Alla Rakha c. The audience D. Ravishankar

15) Anant wanted to become a great

A. flutist B. singer C. musician **D. sitarist**

16) Anant raised himself and his eyes were shining even in his sick bed because _____

A. he was ill B. he knew the truth about his death
c. he saw a nightmare **D. he heard the name of Pandit Ravi Shankar**

17) Smitha and her family had come to Bombay so that

A. the children get good education **B. Anant could be treated at the cancer Hospital in the city**
c. to attend music program me d. to spend holiday

1. Why did Smitha get excited after reading the newspaper?

Ans.: Smitha got excited after reading the newspaper because it had the news of Pandit Ravi Shankar's music concert at the Shanmukhananda Auditorium the next day.

2. Why do you think the mother cautioned the girl?

Ans.: Smitha's brother, Ananth had been struck with cancer. He was very sick was lying on the bed. So the mother cautioned Smitha not to disturb Ananth.

3. Why did Smitha's family move to Bombay?

Ans.: Smitha's brother Ananth was suffering from cancer. They moved to Bombay from their native town Gaganpur, so that he could be treated at the cancer hospital in the city.

4. For a moment, Smitha had forgotten something. What was it?

Ans.: For a moment, Smitha had forgotten that Ananth was very ill and not in a position to go to the concert.

5. In what way was the truth frightening to Smitha?

Ans.: Though Smitha and her family had pretended Anant would get well, she had known that Anant was going to die of cancer. This was frightening to Smitha.

6. Do you consider Ananth a talented boy? Justify your answer.

Ans.: Yes, Anant was a talented boy. He was the best table - tennis player in the school and the fastest runner. He was learning to play the Sitar and was already able to compose his own tunes.

7. They had come with high hopes", what hopes did Ananth's parents have?

Ans.: Ananth's parents had high hopes in the miracles of modern science. They thought that he would be cured. Then he could talk and run again and hoped that he would become a great sitarist one day.

8. What did the doctors say to Ananth's parents? Were they words of hope or words of despair?

Ans.: The doctors asked Ananth's parents to take him home and give him whatever he liked. They were the words of despair because his parents realized that he had not many days to live.

9. Why were the neighbors surprised?

Ans.: The neighbors could not believe their eyes because they saw Pandit Ravi Shankar, the Sitar maestro and Ustad Allah Rakha, the great tabla maestro arrived to the boy's house.

10. Pandit Ravi Shankar and Ustad Allah Rakha performed in the boy's house. How was this an unusual incident?

Ans.: Pandit Ravi Shankar and Ustad Allah Rakha were world famous musicians. In spite of their busy schedule and high profile they visited the boy and performed for him.

11) Why do you think that Smitha's mother cautioned her not to make noise?

Ans : Smitha on looking up the newspaper almost shouted with excitement. But her brother Anant was ill and suffering from cancer. She cautioned her not to make noise so that he could rest.

12. What was the chance of a lifetime for Ananth?

Ans.: Ananth was a music lover and was also learning to play sitar. Listening to Sitar maestro's music and attending his concert was the chance of lifetime for Anant.

13. 'Suddenly a daring thought came to her' what was the daring thought?

Ans: Smitha knew that her brother Anant was dying of cancer. she wanted to fulfill his wish. So she thought of going to the concert and request Pandit Ravi Shankar to perform for her brother.

14. How did Smitha enjoy the concert?

Ans.: Smitha was spellbound by the music. As the first notes came over the air, she felt as if the gates of enchantment and wonder were opening. But every beat of Tabla reminded her of Ananth's voice.

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16. In the course of the story 'The Concert', whom do you consider to be more worried, Smitha or Anant?

Ans.: In the story, Smitha was more worried than others. Though attending the concert was a chance of lifetime, she could not enjoy it completely because Anant was not with her. She was always thinking how to fulfill Ananth's wish.

17) As Smitha sat listening to the music, she was spellbound. But all the while, her mind was echoing something else, What was that?

Ans: Spellbound ,Smitha listened to the unfolding ragas ,but all the while her mind was planning to meet Ravi Shankar personally and share her feelings about her brother's plight. If possible she would like to arrange for home concert for her brother. That was a the chance of his life.

18) Did Smitha tell what she had in her mind to the musicians? Who responded to her request immediately. What was the response?

Ans: Yes, Smitha told the story of her brother who lay sick at home, and how he longed to hear them. Pandit Ravi Shankar responded to her immediately and the concert was arranged at their home for him.

19) Can you say that the concert was entertaining Smitha. Justify your answer.

Ans: No, The concert was not entertaining Smitha. Because she was feeling sorrow at the pathetic condition of her brother Ananth.

Extracts

1. "You'll wake him up. You know he needs all the sleep and rest he can get"

a. Who was sleeping?

Ans : Anant was sleeping

b) Why does he need rest?

Ans.: Ananth was suffering from cancer and had become very weak. So he needed rest.

C) What was happening there?

Ans- Smitha was reading news paper loudly

2. "We mustn't miss the chance"

a). What chance did the boy not like to miss?

Ans.: The boy did not like to miss the chance of attending Pandit Ravishankar's music concert.

b) Why is he so eager to make use of it?

Ans.: The boy himself was a Sitar player. He was suffering from Cancer and was very ill. He thought he might not get another chance, so he was eager to make use of it

c) Do you think the boy would get a chance in future?

Ans : No

3. "Take him home. Give him the things he likes, indulge him"

a) Who said the above statement?

Ans.: Doctors who were treating Ananth

b) Why did they say so?

Ans.: Ananth's condition grew worse with each passing day and the doctors knew that the boy had not many days to live. This made them to say so.

c) Were these words of hopes and despair?

Ans.: despair

4. A walk in the park might make you feel better"

a) Who suggested a walk in the Park?

Ans. : Aunt Sushila suggested a walk in the park

b) How was her mood in the Park?

Ans.: Smitha felt alone in the midst of people who were walking, running, playing etc. She was lost in her thoughts.

c) Why did speaker make the statement?

Ans.: Smitha cried with sad knowing Ananth had not many days to live.

5. "But they did not voice their fears"

a. What did Ananth's parents fear?

Ans.: Ananth's parents feared that the boy had not many days to live.

b. why did speaker behave towards him

Ans- they knew that he had not many days to live

c How did they behave towards him?

Ans.: They laughed, talked and surrounded Anant with whatever made him happy. They fulfilled his every need

6 "Enjoy yourself, lucky you!"

A Who considered as lucky?

Ans- Smitha

b. Why is she lucky?

Ans': She is lucky because she was going to attend the music concert of pandit Ravi Shankar, with her father.

c. Why did speaker say like this?

Ans-Ananth could not go because of his ill health

7. "Panditji is a busy man. you must not bother him with such requests"

a. Who was bothering panditji?"

Ans. : Smitha

b. What was the request made?

Ans.: The request was made to Pandit Ravishankar to come to the house and play for Anant.

c. Why was she bothering?

Ans : Ananth was suffering from cancer and she wanted to fulfill his desires

8. "No, how can I? We've always done things together"

a. Who has done the things together?

Ans.: Anant and Smitha

b. Why is it not possible now?

Ans. : It was not possible now because Ananth had cancer and was confined to bed. He could not go anywhere with Smitha.

c. How was she consoled?

Ans: Smitha's aunt suggested to take walk in the park to feel better.

9 “Tomorrow morning we perform for the boy”

A. Who would perform for the boy?

Ans. : Pandit Ravishankar and -Ustad Allah Rakha would perform for the boy.

b. Why would they perform?

Ans : Because they understood the boy's pathetic condition.

c) Where was the concert arranged?

Ans: The concert was arranged at the apartment / in Ananth's home.

10. They could not believe their eyes. 'It is It's not possible?' they said.

a. Who could not believe their eyes?

Ans.: Neighbors could not believe their eyes

b. What couldn't they believe their eyes?

Ans.: Pandit Ravishankar and Ustad Allah Rakha came to Aunt Sushila's house to play for Anant.

c. Why could not they believe?

Ans : They thought they were great persons and could not come to home and play for the boy.

1. Why do you think that Smitha and Ravi Shankar deserve the appreciation of readers?

Ans. : Smitha could not take Anant with her to the concert because he was suffering from cancer. She went to the concert with her father and enjoyed Ravshankar's recital. She also wanted her brother to listen to Ravi Shankar's music. So, she approached Ravi Shankar and told all about Anant and requested him to come to his house and play sitar. No one could imagine that a great musician like Ravi Shankar would agree to her request. But he along with tabla maestro Ustad Allah Rakha played for Anant. Thus Smitha and Ravi Shankar deserve our appreciation

2. 'Where there is will, there is way'. How is this saying apt for Smitha?

Ans.: Smitha and Anant had done things together. Now Anant was ill and could not accompany Smitha to the music concert. Instead at sitting home and repenting for the loss, she went to the concert with her father. She also gathered courage to request Panditji to come to her house and play for Anant. To everyone's surprise maestros agreed to her request and came to her house and played for him. It was unbelievable for everyone. Thus we can justify that 'Where there is will, there is way' is apt for Smita