

Tansen

Short answer type question

Q1. Who was Tansen?

Ans. Tansen was a great Indian musician.

Q2. Who made Tansen a great musician?

Ans. ~~Dr~~ Swami Haridas, the music teacher and mentor of Tansen, made him a great musician.

Q3. What miracle could Tansen perform through his music?

Ans. Through his music, Tansen could bring rain by singing the ~~Raga~~ ^{Raga} Megh Malhar or start a fire by singing Raga Deepak. His music was so powerful that whenever he sang Raga Deepak in the court, candles lit up on their own.

Q4. Why were the courtiers jealous of Tansen?

Ans. The courtiers were jealous of Tansen because he was emperor's favourite and was given special treatment by him.

Q5. Why did the courtiers want him to sing Raga Deepak?

Ans. Because Raga Deepak song would make the air hot and Tansen would be ~~to~~ burnt to ashes and meet his death.

Q6. When did the girls start singing Raga Megha?

Ans. When the air became too hot and people began to cry out in terror and as soon as the lamps lit up, the girls started singing Raga ~~Deepak~~ ^{Megha}.

Q7. What did Tansen do to save himself from being burnt alive?

Ans. Tansen asked his daughter ~~Dr~~ Saraswati and her friend Rupmati to sing Raga Megha so that it would cause rain, reduce the heat and save him.

Q8. What happened then?

Ans. It started raining, the heat in the environment came down and Tansen was saved.

Q9. Where was Tansen buried?

Ans. Tansen was buried in a tomb in Gwalior.

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Read and Reflect

Answer the following question briefly:

Q1. Whom did Tansen join Emperor Akbar's court?

Ans. Tansen joined Emperor Akbar's court in 1556.

Q2. For how many years did he remain in his court?

Ans. Tansen remained in Emperor's court for 29 years.

Q3. What happened when Tansen started singing Raga Deepak?

Ans. When Tansen started singing Raga Deepak, the air became hot. Due to the heat, people began to sweat, the leaves of trees got damaged and birds began to die. Even the water of rivers started boiling. People got terrified and started crying with fear.

Q4. Why did Emperor feel sorry for asking Tansen to sing Raga Deepak?

Ans. Tansen got very ill after singing Raga Deepak. When the emperor came to know about the conspiracy of the courtiers, he felt sorry for causing so much suffering to Tansen.

Q5. What happened to Tansen's enemies?

Ans. Tansen's enemies were punished by the emperor.

Q6. Why is the Tansen's tomb considered a place of pilgrimage?

Ans. Tansen's tomb is considered a place of pilgrimage for classical music composers from across the globe as he composed several new ragas during his lifetime. His contribution to the world of music is priceless. There is a desire to watch his talent when it comes to his style of singing.

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