

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Chapter-2 The Sound of Music
Test Paper-02

Reference to the context

1. God may have taken her hearing but he has given her back something extraordinary.
 - a. Who said the above words?.
 - b. Who is “Her” in this extract?
 - c. Which award was being presented to Evelyn?
 - d. What is the synonym of extraordinary?
2. And she got right to the top, the world’s the world’s most sought after multi percussionist, with mastery of some thousand instruments and hectic international schedules.
 - a. How is she able to master some thousands of instruments?
 - b. Why is she world’s most sought after multi percussionist?
 - c. What was her age when she decided to take up music seriously?
 - d. What took her to the top level?

Answer the following in 30-40 words:

3. In which year and where was she given the Prestigious soloist of the year award and Why?
4. Evelyn delights her audience - Elucidate.
5. Narrate, how could a person with physical disability, decided to make music her life.
6. What made Evelyn to choose Xylophone?
7. What did the master Percussionist James Blade said about Evelyn?
8. Where all did Evelyn gave her concerts? What do we understand about her attitude?

Answer the following in 100-120 words:

9. When was her deafness first noticed? When was it confirmed?
10. Who is Ann Richlin? What did she say about Evelyn Glennie?

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Answer

1.
 - a. These words are said by master percussionist James Blade.
 - b. Evelyn Glennie is referred as “Her”.
 - c. Evelyn was given the Royal Philharmonic Society's prestigious Soloist of the Year Award.
 - d. Extra-ordinary: Incredible
2.
 - a. Evelyn's sheer determination, hard work and her dream drove her to the top level.
 - b. She was just sixteen when she decided to make music her life.
 - c. Her performances were awesome and very captivating that is why she was world's most sought after multi percussionist.
 - d. She disclosed that she was a workaholic and practiced constantly and consistently which made her master some thousands of instruments.
3. Evelyn Glennie was presented the Royal Philharmonic society's prestigious Soloist of The Year Award in 1991. Only Evelyn's determination, perseverance and dedication towards her goal made her unstoppable to reach and climb the ladder of success, beyond anyone could imagine or think, a hearing impaired person can do it.
4. Evelyn delights her audience, with her incredible performances. Because, Evelyn confessed that she is a workaholic and practiced more than the classical musicians. And the rewards are really enormous. She mastered more than thousands of instruments. As the word delight is used, we may understand the amount of hardwork and time she invested in that.
5. No doubt, Evelyn is a person with physical disability. However, it could not determine her destiny because God gave her something amazing, we can only sense music through our ears. However, she feels music all over her body, she could feel every note of music in different parts of her body, she devoted herself that much to music. That is the reason the results are amazing. Everyone discouraged her telling that she cannot make her career in music. By the advice of only one person that is Ron Forbes, he suggested her to sense music in some other way, other than ears and she understood it and applied and

she could she a fabulous breakthrough in her life. The proof is her recognitions and her awards.

6. One day she noticed a girl playing a xylophone. She wanted to play it too. Most of her teachers discouraged her telling that she you will not be able to do it. However there is one Percussionist Ron Forbes, by seeing the potential in her. started beating the drums and asked her to sense the music through some other way other than hearing. This very thought changed her life. Suddenly she started feeling different notes in different parts of her body. She got a break through. and made up her mind to learn music, this paved the way for her to learn the Percussionist instrument the xylophone.
7. In the year 1991, when she was awarded the Royal Philharmonic Society's Prestigious Soloist award of the year, master Percussionist said "God may have taken her hearing but gave her something extra-ordinary. What we hear, she feels- far more deeply than any of us. That is why she expresses music so beautifully.
8. Apart from the regular concerts, Evelyn also gave free concerts in prisons and hospitals. This shows that she cared for the poor and the destitute and also, she encouraged the physically disabled that they also can do amazing things, inspite of there physical disability. She conveyed that if God can do miracles in my life. He can do it in anyone's life. And your disability is not at all a cause or reason for Him.
9. Evelyn Glennie's loss of hearing had been gradual. Her mother remembers noticing, something was wrong, when the eight year old Evelyn was waiting to play the piano." They called her name and she did not move. Then suddenly she realized that, Evelyn hasn't heard say's Isabel Glennie. For quite a while Evelyn Glennie. For quite a while Evelyn managed to conceal her growing deafness from friends and teachers. But by the time she was eleven her marks deteriorated and her head mistress urged her parents to take her to a specialist. It was then discovered that her hearing was severely impaired as a result of gradual nerve damage.
10. Ann Richlin of the Beethoven Fund for Deaf Children says that "Evelyn is a shining inspiration for deaf children. They feel that they can do nothing with there disability." Evelyn demonstrated there is still a hope and future for them if they are determined and if they can work hard in the respective fields of there choice. And not only that Evelyn used to give free concerts in Prisons and Public places to show that a disable person can accomplish so much, how much more can you do. Her disability is not at all cause for her or a hindrance for her to reach the goal. She said and she did it.