

Worksheet

Tansen

Read the text book and find out the answers for the following questions:-

Q1. What was Tansen famous for?

Ans: -----

Q2. What was Tansen's special talent as a child?

Ans: -----

Q3. Who was Tansen's father?

Ans: -----

Q4. Who was Swami Haridas?

Ans: -----

Q5. Whom did Tansen marry?

Ans: -----

Q6. Who suggested an idea to ruin Tansen?

Ans: -----

Q7. What was the idea to ruin Tansen?

Ans: -----

Q8. What saved Tansen from burning?

Ans: -----

Q9. What happened to the jealous courtiers?

Ans: -----

Q10. Where is Tansen's tomb located?

Ans: -----

Textual questions and answers

Q 1: Why did Swami Haridas say Tansen was 'talented'?

Ans:-Tansen hiding behind a tree, roared like a tiger. This scared Swami Haridas and his disciples. This made him say that Tansen was talented.

Q 2:- Why did Akbar ask Tansen to join his court?

Ans: - Akbar was greatly impressed by Tansen's singing. So he asked him to join his court.

Q 3. How do we know that Akbar was fond of Tansen? Give two reasons.

Ans: - Akbar would call upon Tansen to sing at any time during the day or night. Quite often, he would walk into Tansen's house to hear him practise. He also gave him many presents.

Q4:- What did the other courtiers feel about Tansen?

Ans: - Some other courtiers were jealous of Tansen. They felt that they would never be able to rest until Tansen was destroyed.

Q 5: i) What happens if *Raga Deepak* is sung properly?

Ans: - If *Raga Deepak* is sung properly, it makes the air so hot that the singer is burnt to ashes.

ii) Why did Tansen's enemies want him to sing the *Raga*?

Ans:-Tansen's enemies knew that he was a good singer and if he sang *Raga Deepak*, he would be burnt to ashes. They could get rid of him in that fashion.

Q 6:-Why did Tansen agree to sing *Raga Deepak*?

Ans:-Akbar was convinced that Tansen was a great singer and could sing anything. He could not disobey the king. So he agreed to sing *Raga Deepak*.

Q 7:- i) What steps did he take to save himself?

Ans:-Tansen knew that if someone sang *Raga Megh* properly at the same time, it would bring rain and he would not get burnt. He taught his daughter Saraswati and her friend,

Rupvati to sing *Raga* Megh. They practised night and day for two weeks. He asked them to begin singing when the lamps started burning.

ii) Did his plan work? How?

Ans: - Yes, his plan worked. When Tansen began to sing *Raga* Deepak, the air became warm and the audience were bathed in perspiration. The leaves on the trees dried up and fell down. Birds fell dead due to the heat and the water in the rivers began to boil. Flames shot up out of nowhere and lighted the lamps. At once, Saraswati and Rupvati began singing *Raga* Megh. The sky clouded over and the rain came pouring down. Tansen was saved.
