

*Questions***Question 1:**

Why did Swami Haridas say Tansen was 'talented'?

Solution 1:

Tansen learnt to imitate the calls of birds and animals. One day he roared like a tiger in the forest to frighten the traveller, Swami Haridas. Swami was impressed by the skill of Tansen and called him talented.

Question 2:

Why did Akbar ask Tansen to join his court?

Solution 2:

After learning music from Swami Haridas for eleven years, Tansen became a famous singer. Once he sang before Emperor Akbar. Akbar was so impressed that he asked Tansen to join his court in 1556.

Question 3:

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

Solution 3:

Tansen became the favourite of the Emperor Akbar. Akbar used to visit Tansen's house to hear him practise music. He asked Tansen to sing whenever he had the mood. He also gave Tansen so many presents.

Question 4:

What did the other courtiers feel about Tansen?

Solution 4:

As well as the Tansen's popularity increased, the other courtiers were jealous of him. They were trying to ruin the Tansen's fame in music.

Question 5:

(i) What happens if Raga Deepak is sung properly?

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

Solution 5:

(i) If Raga Deepak was sung properly, the surrounding become so hot that the singer was burnt to ashes.

(ii) The enemies wanted to kill Tansen's in jealous.

Question 6:

Why did Tansen agree to sing Raga Deepak?

Solution 6:

Tansen agreed to sing Raga Deepak as he had to obey the Emperor. Tansen also had to prove his talent in music.

Question 7:

(i) What steps did he take to save himself?

(ii) Did his plan work? How?

Solution 7:

(i) Tansen knew very well about the risk of Raga Deepak. He took two steps for his safety. He requested the king to give him some time. During that period, he taught his daughter and her friend to sing Raga Megh.

(ii) Yes, Tansen's plan worked perfectly. His singing made the environment hot. Flames shot up and lighted the lamps. Just then, the two girls started singing Raga Megh. The rains came down suddenly and saved Tansen's life.