



Brain International School

Vikas Puri, New Delhi

ASSIGNMENT NO. 2

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

CLASS-IX

MAY'2025

CH-2 : The Sound of Music

Part 1: Evelyn Glennie

Theme: The extract explores the theme of the profound impact of music on human experience, communication, and perception. As a deaf percussionist, Glennie challenges conventional notions of hearing and demonstrates how music transcends the auditory sense alone with her will power, persistency and determination.

Part 2: The Shehnai of Bismillah Khan

Theme: The story explores the theme of unwavering dedication to art form and cultural heritage. Despite facing challenges and obstacles in his life, Bismillah Khan remains committed to his music, practicing tirelessly and striving for excellence.

Q. Answer the following questions.

- a. Briefly explain how does Evelyn use her musical capabilities?
- b. What name was given to the new redesigned 'Pungi'? Why?
- c. Identify and elucidate two instances which tell you that Bismillah Khan loved India.
- d. Reflect on James Blades' perspective on Evelyn's remarkable ability to express music beautifully.
- e. In what ways did Evelyn's perseverance and determination allow her to defy the limitations of her deafness and achieve success as a musician?
- f. Reflect on the role of mentors like Ron Forbes in nurturing talent and fostering a supportive environment for young artists like Evelyn. How can mentorship contribute to personal and artistic growth?