

# Lesson Review Sheet

(Review for Test 6 - Lessons 8, 9 & 10)

It's hard to understand Shiva because of his complex character. All castes like to pray (pooja) to Shiva. Shiva's favorite place seems to be the cremation ground. In order for Shiva to answer your prayer, you must pray for at least 24 hours. Mahadev (Shiva) lives in Mt. Kailash in the Himalayas. Hindus call the first Man as Syambhu Manu.

Shiva was also better known as Bholenath, which means naïve and simple minded. Shiva's dance of peace and harmony, which he dances with Parvati is known as Lasya. Shiva is also known as Sada Shiv, Tryambaka, Shambu, Mahadev, Pashupati, Asutosh, Shankar, Mahesh, Bholenath, Prajapati, etc. Shiva's bull is also known in Sanskrit as Vrisha.

The river that flows from Shiva's hair is the Ganges river. Rudraksha is the Bead necklace that Shiva wears around his neck. When Shiva got upset (when his wife committed suicide) and started his Tandav dance, the people went for help to Vishnu to stop Shiva from destroying the world.

Sati was the first wife of Shiva who committed suicide. Sati was the daughter of Daksh. Prajapati Daksh was a psychic son of Brahma. Prajapati Daksh's wife was Rasuti. Among the siblings, Sati was the youngest child (16th).

The god who convinced Daksh to allow Sati to marry Shiva was Brahma. Sati when travelling with Shiva, travels on a bull called Nandi. The Hindi word "Shakti" means Power.

When Sati changed herself to look-alike of Sita, Laxman was puzzled and thought it was indeed Sita. Ravan was the demon king of Lanka. Daksh's special yagya in which Shiva and Sati were not invited was known as Brihaspati Sava. Daksh's special ceremony in

which Shiva insulted Daksh by not standing & respecting him was Brahma Satra.

It was Vishnu who was able to get control of Shiva using his Chakra to cut Sati's body into 12 pieces. When Vishnu cut Sati's body into 12 pieces, the places where the pieces fell are called Shakti Peetha. Because Daksh did not respect Shiva, Daksh had to wear a goat head as a punishment.

Kamdev was the god of love. Wife of Kamdev was Rati. Rati requested Shiva to bring back her husband as Krishna's son in Dwapar Yug.

Parvati's father's name was Hinavant. Parvati is also known as Gaura, Kali, Uma and Durga. When Parvati comes as the undertaker or "collector of souls," she is known as Kali.

Special worship done by women to get good husband or long life for their husband Tapasya. A special day when women pray to Gaura or Parvati for their husbands Karva-Chouth. The Hindi word to mean "fast and pray" is Tapasya.