

CHAPTER 9

THE STORY OF THE FORTY THIEVES

True/False Questions

1. People release ashes in the Ganga to ensure the salvation of their ancestors' souls. (True / False)
2. Indra stole the horse to help King Sagara's sons. (True / False)
3. Kapila Muni turned the 60,000 sons into ashes because they disturbed his meditation. (True / False)
4. Bhagiratha brought the Ganga to Earth without Shiva's help. (True / False)
5. Ganga split into three streams after descending to Earth. (True / False)

Fill in the Blanks

1. King Sagara performed the _____ yagya.
2. The 60,000 sons of King Sagara were turned into ashes by _____.
3. _____ performed penance to bring Ganga to Earth.

4. Shiva trapped Ganga in his _____ to humble her pride.
5. The souls of Sagara's sons were saved after their ashes were washed by _____.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why did people throw ashes into the Ganga?
 - A) To fertilize the river
 - B) For the salvation of souls
 - C) To honor fish
 - D) To please Indra
2. Who stole King Sagara's horse?
 - A) Kapila Muni
 - B) Indra
 - C) Garuda
 - D) Brahma
3. What happened when Kapila Muni opened his eyes?

- A) The horse returned
- B) The sons became ashes
- C) Ganga descended
- D) Indra apologized

4. Who advised Anshuman to use Ganga's water?

- A) Brahma
- B) Garuda
- C) Shiva
- D) Bhagiratha

5. Why did Shiva trap Ganga in his hair?

- A) To punish her pride
- B) To stop flooding
- C) To protect Bhagiratha
- D) To hide her from Indra

6. How many streams did Ganga split into?

- A) 3

B) 5

C) 7

D) 10

7. Who completed the task of bringing Ganga to Earth?

A) Sagara

B) Anshuman

C) Bhagiratha

D) Dilip

8. What was the purpose of the aswamedha yagya?

A) To find the horse

B) To expand the empire

C) To please Indra

D) To summon Ganga

9. Why were Indra and the Gods unhappy with Sagara's sons?

- A) They were kind
- B) They were cruel
- C) They stole the horse
- D) They worshipped Shiva

10. What did Bhagiratha do after Brahma's approval?

- A) Built a temple
- B) Prayed to Shiva
- C) Returned to his kingdom
- D) Married Ganga