Teacher's notes and answer key

Kali – Destroyer and Protector

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Answers B

1. Through years of asceticism they had forced a gift that no man could ever kill them.

2. The gods combined their anger and energy into a beam of light, from which Durga formed – many-armed, riding a lion.

3. Every drop of his blood that touched the ground became a new warrior just as strong as he was.

4. Durga wounded him while Kali caught every drop of blood and every new clone before it reached the ground; weakened, Raktabija was finally swallowed by Kali.

5. Time (kala), which dissolves everything to make room for the new; as “Kali Ma” a protective mother, especially in Bengal at Kali Puja.

Answer C

Correct numbers from top to bottom: 4 – 7 – 1 – 6 – 2 – 8 – 3 – 5

Notes on D and E

E: Myth – dark-skinned, wild hair, tongue out, necklace of skulls, frightening / “the dark one” or “time” / defeat Raktabija / the name Chamunda. Today – motherly, protective / time, the cycle of death and renewal / protects against destructive forces / “Kali Ma”, Kali Puja around Diwali.

The scene with Shiva comes from later, mainly Bengali traditions.

Content note and age

Recommended from age 13. Blood is drunk, Kali wears a necklace of skulls, the battlefield is full of bodies. Kali is a goddess worshipped today – please treat the topic respectfully and preview the video.

Source of the retelling: Devi Mahatmya (Sanskrit, about 1,500 years old); later Bengali tradition.

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