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BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHARPURUSHOTTAM SANSTHA

SATSANG SHIKSHAN PARIKSHA

SATSANG PRAVIN) PAPER-1

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Time : 9 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. **TOTAL MARKS : 100**

Note : Figures to the right indicate the marks for that question.

SECTION-1 (AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA)

Q.1. For any <u>TWO</u> of the following, give <u>THREE</u> references from the scriptures for each.

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- 1. Shriji Maharaj: The All-Doer
- 2. Shriji Maharaj The Supreme: In His own words.
- 3. Characteristics of the Gunatit Saint: according to the Vachanamritam.
- 4. Aksharbrahman: One and unique according to the scriptures.

Q.2. Narrate any <u>TWO</u> of the following, and highlight the significance of each. (12 lines each)

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- 1. Shriji Maharaj gave Kurji Dave His Akshardham as a gift.
- 2. Shriji Maharaj puts Shitaldas in a divine trance.
- 3. "Oh, this is Jogi's doing. Only he can change what I have said."
- 4. "Truly, you are simpletons..."

Q.3. Explain any <u>TWO</u> of the following (12 lines each). 8

- 1. Disadvantage of understanding God as nirakar.
- 2. Shriji Maharaj's supremacy: as explained by
- ⁰⁶ Aksharbrahman Gunatitanand Swami.

- 3. True knowledge is recognizing the pragat form of God.
- 4. Glory of the Gunatit Saint: in other scriptures

Q.4. Give reasons for any \underline{TWO} of the following .

(12 lines each)

- 1. Vagha Khachar felt the removal of all the sensual cravings and experienced great joy.
- 2. Shriji Maharaj told Muktanand Swami to tour the villages.
- 3. It is necessary to keep divyabhav in God and the Saint.
- 4. In our fellowship God and the Gunatit Saint are worshipped equally.
- Q.5. What not to understand in upasana.
- Q.6. The Gunatit Saint can install images and initiate sadhus.
- Q.7. Expalin in detail any <u>ONE</u> of the following.
 - 1. Shriji Maharaj's liking for sakar
 - 2. Deficiencies resulting from not realizing the pragat form of God.
 - 3. Becoming Aksharrup and offering upasana to Purushottam with Swami-sevak bhav.

SECTION - 2

(SATSANG READER-PART III & IDOL OF INSPIRATION

PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ)

Q.8. For any <u>TWO</u> of the following, state who is speaking to whom and when the words were spoken.

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- 1. "...keep your meditation with yourself,..."
- 2. "...Our liberation could come through only when the Almighty Himself grasps our wrist, just as He did with Rukmani..."
- 3. "You must at least clean the grains before you cook."

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- 4. "He's sitting right in front of you! I'm that very boy."
- Q.9. Answer concisely any TWO of the following .
 - (12 lines each)

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- 1. Parvatbhai takes a vow to abstain from 'khatras'.
- 2. Nishkulanand Swami did not address an assembly of females.
- 3. Akhandanand Brahmachari had an attack of diarrhoea
- 4. Raghuvirji Maharaj tells everyone in the assembly, "as long as this session lasts, Gunatitanand Swami will deliver discourses.

Q.10. Answer concisely any TWO of the following . (12 lines each)

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- 1. Detachment and renunciation in the life of Gopalanand Swami.
- 2. Chronologically explain Muktanand Swami's increasing realization of the divine glory (supremacy) of Maharaj.
- 3. One who has abandoned his family -Nishkulanand Swami
- 4. How did Shastriji Maharaj praise Pramukh Swami when he appointed him as the President ?
- Q.11. Answer all of the following, using only one sentence for each.
 - 1. Who brought Khusal Bhakta to Jetalpur to meet Maharaj ?
 - 2. Name three books written by Nishkulanand Swami?
 - 3. Who composed the book Harilila Kalpataru ?
 - 4. In anticipation of the forthcoming strict restrictions, how did Muktanand Swami

- prepare himself ?
- 5. When and where was Pramukh Swami Maharaj's Amrut Mahotsav celebrated ?
- 6. Before departing from this world, what did Yogiji Maharaj declare about Pramukh Swami Maharaj?

Q.12. Briefly narrate any <u>ONE</u> of the following and bring out its moral. (in 12 lines)

- 1. Raghuvirji Maharaj cooked a loaf.
- 2. "...When I look at your jiva, I feel that satsang is no longer predominant in your heart."
- 3. Realizing the wish of Shastriji Maharaj, Pramukh Swami Maharaj came from Atladra to Sarangpur.

SECTION - 3

(ESSAY)

Q.13. Write an essay on ONE of the following (in 60 lines).

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- 1. London Mandir a monument of service (seva) and sacrifice.
- 2. Touring in groups to spread satsang as an method of spreading effective and strenghtening satsang.
- 3. Kusang the destroyer of culture and character.