

BOCHASANWASI SHREE AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM
SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA
SATSANG EXAMINATIONS

SATSANG PRAVIN

PAPER-1

Date: 20th Feb 2000

Time: 9.00 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 TWO of the following, give THREE references from the scriptures. 6

1. Necessity of knowing God as the all-doer.
2. Disadvantages of perceiving manushyabhav in God.
3. Parabrahman Purushottam Narayan - one and unique.
4. Deficiencies resulting from not realizing the pragat form of God.

Q.2 Narrate any TWO of the following, and highlight the significance of each. (12 lines each.) 8

1. Emptying Hell.
2. A goat between two tigers.
3. Even in the cold weather Maharaj asked for cold water to have a bath.
4. Boy! Do not indulge in comparisons of God.

Q.3 Explain any TWO of the following. (12 lines each.) 8

1. Shriji Maharaj – the supreme in His own words.
2. God as sakar in Akshardham and on Earth.
3. Characteristics of the Gunatit Sadhu.
4. Gunatitanand Swami is Mul Akshar - in His own words.

Q.4 Give reasons for any two of the following. (12 lines each) 8

1. Gopalanand Swami instructed Shivilal Sheth to go to Junagadh.
2. Necessity of understanding divyabhav in God.
3. The scriptures do not prohibit the meditation of a Gunatit Sant.
4. One should follow the example of Vibhishan.

Q.5 Upasana: What not to understand. 8

Q.6 Only images given by the Acharya should be worshipped in puja and only the Acharya is authorized to give initiation to sadhus. What is implied in this injunction of Shriji Maharaj? 5

Q.7 Explain in detail any ONE of the following. 5

1. Shriji Maharaj's liking for sakar.
2. True knowledge is recognizing the pragat form of God.
3. The need of becoming Brahmarup.

SECTION - 2

(SATSANG READER - PART III & IDOL OF INSPIRATION

PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ)

Q.8 For any TWO of the following, state who is speaking to whom and when the words were spoken. 6

1. "You have not yet tasted the pleasures of youth."
2. "Who is your choicest deity?"
3. "After all you are Hindustani."
4. "What are you doing with that bundle of hay?"

Q.9 Answer concisely any TWO of the following . (12 lines each.) 8

1. Gopalanand Swami became restless and resolved to retire to Akshardham.
2. Nishkulanand Swami disobeyed Maharaj and yet Maharaj was pleased with him.

3. Maharaj sent Muktanand Swami to Dharampur.
4. All the red spots on Pramukh Swami's body disappeared.

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

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1. Shival's humility.
2. Obedient Lalji Bhakta.
3. Muktanand Swami's motherly love.
4. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's dedication to the Lord.

Q.11 Answer all of the following, using only one sentence for each.

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1. What did Maharaj say after placing His hand on young Shival's head?
2. Which scripture did Nishkulanand Swami write, explaining the supreme identity of Maharaj?
3. Whom did Khushal Bhakta receive vartman from?
4. What did Parvatbhai agree to do without any hesitation when instructed by Maharaj?
5. Where did Maharaj protect Raghuvirji Maharaj?
6. Where was Pramukh Swami Maharaj's 51th birth-anniversary celebrated?

Q.12 Briefly narrate any ONE of the following and bring out its moral. (In 12 lines.)

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1. Raghuvirji Maharaj becomes a pilgrim.
2. Pervatbhai read the letter and went to Gadhada.
3. Muktanand Swami composed verses describing fidelity to Maharaj.

**SECTION - 3
(ESSAY)**

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

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1. The moulder of the soul (atma) – Pramukh Swami's life.
2. The Nairobi Mandir – African attraction.
3. The importance of festivals in the Swaminarayan Sampradaya.