

**BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM
SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA
SATSANG EXAMINATIONS**

SATSANG PRAVIN

PAPER-1

Date: 7th July 2002

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. Importance of upasana.
2. Disadvantages of understanding God as nirakar.
3. Necessity of faith in divine supremacy.
4. Aksharbrahma: One and unique.

Q.2 Write the title for the given reference. [5]

1. Eva dhamni agar bija shi ganatima ghanay re
2. Without knowing the pragat form of God or His sadhu, one is like a khijdo tree.
3. Nijatmanam brahmarupam dehtrayavilakshanam vibhavya tena kartavya bhakti krushnasya sarvada.
4. Parameshwar, so long as He wishes, allows the influence of desh, kal, karma, etc. to prevail.
5. A devotee realises that the form residing in Akshardham and the one visible before him in human form, are both gunatit.

Q.3 Write the correct answers from the given options. [4]

Note: There may be more than one correct option. Marks will be awarded only for all correct options.

1. Glory of the gunatit sadhu in the words of the paramhansas
A. Eva sant jame jamya shyam jamya sahu devta.

- B. Laxmiji ardhangna mari, te mara santni dasire.
- C. Jad buddhi jiva, Prabhupadne ichhe to kar santnu parkhu.
- D. Brahmanand kahe santki sobat milat he pragat Morari.

2. The need of becoming brahmarup
A. For the privilege of worshipping Purushottam.
B. For unhindered devotion.
C. For ultimate liberation.
D. To know Parabrahma as He is.

Q.4 Write short notes on any ONE of the following and bring out the moral. (12 lines each.) [4]

1. Shitaldas becomes Vyapkanand
2. Gunatitanand Swami serves the sick sadhus
3. "You are simpletons"

Q.5 Explain any TWO of the following. (12 lines each.) [8]

1. Disadvantages of perceiving manushyabhav in God.
2. True knowledge is recognising the pragat form of God.
3. Shriji Maharaj the all-doer.
4. Explain cosmic evolution.

Q.6 Give reasons for any TWO of the following. (12 lines each.) [8]

1. Even though Shastriji Maharaj was the pragat form of God, he would say, "We are the bullocks of Akshar Purushottam."
2. Shastriji Maharaj said, "We should not follow the example of Ravan or Surpankha, but should follow the example of Vibhishan."
3. Necessity of understanding divyabhav.
4. Parvatbhai told Swarupanand Swami to meditate on Dada Khachar's roof tiles.

Q.7 Upasana: What to understand? What not to understand? Complete the following statements. [8]

Upasana: What to understand?

1. Parabrahma dwelling in Akshardham.....is the very same Shriji Maharaj manifesting on earth.
2. Aksharbraham is one yetas a sevak-servant.

3. The sagun and nirgun.....the subtlest of the subtle.
4. There are infinite muktas.....the final rest.
5. Only by contact with such a brahmanised sadhu.....worship to Purushottam.

Upasana: What not to understand?

1. When God manifests on Earth.....that period.
2. There is no murtiman.....merely divine light.
3. Articles such as the footwear and clothes.....cannot be called Aksharbrahma.

Q.8 'Swaminarayan' is one word, so why is it possible to take it to mean 'Swami' and 'Narayan'? [5]

SECTION-2

**SATSANG READER - PART III & IDOL OF INSPIRATION
PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ**

Q.9 For any TWO of the following, state who is speaking to whom and when the words were spoken. [6]

1. "How can I forsake your blissful darshan for petty loaves?"
2. "I am a sadhu of Swaminarayan."
3. "We shall name him Narayanswarupdas since he is the form of Shriji Maharaj."

Q.10 Give reasons for any TWO of the following. (12 lines each.) [6]

1. Ruler of Idar levied a tax of three rupees on the brahmins.
2. Nishkulanand Swami wrote "Purushottam Charitra".
3. Ardesharji realises the glory of Raghuvirji Maharaj.
4. Potters of Vyara become satsangis.

Q.11. Answer the following concisely. (12 lines each.) [8]

1. Gopalanand Swami in the Vishnuyag at Baroda.

OR

Shivlal Sheth's aspiration.

2. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's dedication to the Lord.

OR

Swamishri's inspiring childhood. (Any three incidents.)

Q.12 Answer the following, using only one sentence for each. [6]

1. Which unique attribute did Gopalanand Swami tell Maharaj he possessed?
2. Where would Lalji Suthar meet with Mulji Sharma?
3. What did Kushalkunvarba send to Maharaj?
4. How did Maharaj fulfill Parvatbhai's wish to see Varaha avatar?
5. Which service did Raghuvirji Maharaj perform for the ill sadhu?
6. Where and when was Pramukh Swami's suvarna-tula celebrated?

Q.13 Write the correct answers from the given options. [6]

Note: There may be more than one correct option. Marks will be awarded only for all correct options.

1. Which scriptures for women did Muktanand Swami write?

A. Udhav Gita	B. Rukmini Vivah
C. Sati Gita	D. Mukund Bavani
2. Which paramhansas did Shivlal Sheth keep the company of?

A. Gopalanand Swami	B. Muktanand Swami
C. Gunatitanand Swami	D. Bhai-Atmanand Swami
3. Where was Pramukh Swami given parshadi and bhagvati dikshas? (22, 25)

A. Bochasan	B. Amdavad
C. Sarangpur	D. Gondal

SECTION-3: ESSAY

Q.14 Write an essay on ONE of the following. (In 60 lines.) [20]

1. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's oneness with Shriji Maharaj
2. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's devotees - The light of character eliminates darkness
3. Social work of Sahajanand Swami shines today through Pramukh Swami Maharaj

