

BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA
SATSANG EXAMINATION (PRE-TEST: 18 JUNE 2006)

TIME: 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

SATSANG PRAVIN - 1

(TOTAL MARKS: 100)

(Note: Figures on the right side of the question indicate the page number of the answer.)

SECTION-1: AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA - 2nd Edition, July 1996

- Q.1 For any TWO of the following, give three references from the scriptures. (6 Marks)**
1. God as Sakar in Akshardham and on earth 22
 2. This state of realization can be attained only in the company of one who is realized. 86
 3. The need of becoming brahmarup for unhindered devotion. 112
 4. Shriji Maharaj is supreme - in his own words. 40
- Q.2 Given below are references from the scriptures, principles or stanzas. Write the topic they relate to. (5 Marks)**
1. Only God's form is such that he is associated with maya and yet separate from it. 24
 2. He is doomed forever and never receives any divine powers from God. 16
 3. 'Therefore a devotee should realize that God manifests on earth along with his divine abode, Akshardham, and should understand and explain this divine phenomenon of the descent of God to all.' 121
 4. The influence of desh, kal, karma, etc. prevail only as long as Parameshwar allows. 9
 5. Only after knowing the form of God, is the jiva delivered from the cycle of births and deaths. 77
- Q.3 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct ones. (4 marks)**
- Note: One or more options may be correct. Full marks will be awarded only if all the correct options are chosen, otherwise no marks will be awarded.**
1. Glory of the Gunatit sadhu in the poems of well-known saint-poets. 104
 - (1) Jem koi fulvadi na ful meli, Akash ful ni asha kare.
 - (2) Vanchi kagal koi kanthano, jem nar apar raji thai.
 - (3) Tap, tirath Vaikunth pad meli, mara harijan hoy tya hu avu re.
 - (4) More man Prabhu as bishvasa, Ram te adhik Ram kar dasa.
 2. Scriptures which prove that Gunatitanand Swami is Mul Akshar. 129
 - (1) Satsangijivan
 - (2) Shri Harililakalpataru
 - (3) Shikshapatri
 - (4) Kirtan Kaustubhamala
- Q.4 Describe any ONE of the following and highlight the significance. (4 Marks)**
1. Vagha Khachar's question is resolved. 139
 2. Swami dissolves the root of all ignorance. 148
 3. Wherever I am, he is there and wherever he is, I am there. 134
- Q.5 Write briefly on any TWO of the following. (In 12 lines each.) (8 Marks)**
1. Jivanmukta Shriji Maharaj. 60
 2. Shriji Maharaj's liking for sakar. 13
 3. The relationship between Akshar and Purushottam. 123
 4. "Gunatitanand Swami is Akshar." From his life and work (any two incidents). 153
- Q.6 Explain any TWO of the following, giving reasons. (In 12 lines each.) (8 Marks)**
1. The Akshar Purushottam faith is earning a reputation all over the world as active and dynamic movement. 72

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| 2. Apart from Akshardham, all the other abodes are perishable. | 38 |
| 3. Yagnapurushdasji (Shastriji Maharaj) accepted the doctrine of Akshar Purushottam. | 146 |
| 4. When the jiva takes refuge in God it transgresses maya. | 49 |

Q.7 Upasana: What to understand? What not to understand? Complete the following statements. (8 Marks)

(What to understand in upasana) (157 - 160)

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| 1. Purushottam's assimilation those of Aksharbrahma. | 158 |
| 2. Jiva, ishwar from one another. | 157 |
| 3. Served by millions amayik and nirgun. | 158 |
| 4. Aksharbrahma is one as a sevak-servant. | 158 |
| 5. The other incarnations Purushottam Narayan. | 158 |

(What not to understand in Upasana) (160 - 161)

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| 1. Only Purushottam such as Aksharbrahma. | 160 |
| 2. The atma of a like Aksharbrahma. | 160 |
| 3. There is no Aksharbrahma | 160 |

Q.8 Write detailed notes: (5 Marks)

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| 1.Characteristics of the Gunatit Sadhu. | 95 |
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SECTION-2: SATSANG READER - III, 3rd Edition, June 1993 & PORTRAIT OF INSPIRATION - PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ, 1st Edition, Dece. 2002

Q.9 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (6 Marks)

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| 1. "That which was to be spilled in the belly was spilled on the floor." (S.R.-III) OR | 80 |
| 2. "I have taken a vow not to eat them. I can take them only if my choicest deity takes them." (S.R.III) | 69 |
| 3. "Even my parents have never showered so much love on me." (P.I.) OR | 2 |
| 4. "He had inspired him to become stronger in his faith." (P.I.) | 34 |

Q.10 Give reasons for the following. (In 9 lines each.) (6 Marks)

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| 1. For six months Parvatbhai remained in the company of Maharaj. (S.R.III) OR | 71 |
| 2. Everyone was surprised by Nishkulanand Swami's atma-realization. (S.R.III) | 43 |
| 3. The English-speaking reporter immediately started to write Pramukh Swami Maharaj's answer. (P.I.) OR | 8 |
| 4. Narendraprasad Swami was lost in the divinity of Swamishri. (P.I.) | 18 |

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

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| 1. Explain the meaning of the kirtan "Anubhavi anandma....." (S.R. III) OR | 31 |
| 2. Nishkulanand Swami's literary and poetic works. (S.R.III) | 42, 44, 45 |
| 3. Swamishri's spirit of service and love for his devotees. (Any two incidents.) (P.I.) OR | 7, 17 |
| 4. Dalubhai Madari dances with joy. (P.I.) | 13 |

Q.12 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence for each answer. (6 Marks)

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| 1. How many times had Kushalkunvarba perform the arti of Shriji Maharaj? (S.R.III) | 63 |
| 2. What did Khushal Bhagat study from the Brahmin scholar of Nabhoi? (S.R.III) | 1 |
| 3. What happened to the person who smeared sandalwood paste mixed with poison on Muktanand Swami's body? (S.R.III) | 24 |
| 4. What did Swamishri give the ill student to drink? (P.I.) | 7 |
| 5. In 1985, in spite of illness, how many villages did Swamishri visit? And in how many days? (P.I.) | 15 |
| 6. What did the harijans of Bhoj village tell their guests? (P.I.) | 28 |

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Q.13 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct ones. (6 marks)

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1. Places where Raghuvirji Maharaj installed the murti of Harikrishna Maharaj? (S.R.III) 63
(1) Gadhada (2) Junagadh (3) Vartal (4) Dholera
2. Gopalanand Swami's divine miraculous powers. (S.R.III) 5
(1) Stopped the rain.
(2) Stopped the eclipse.
(3) The murti of Hanumanji started shaking.
(4) Sent devotees to Gunatitanand Swami in Junagadh.
3. Narayanswarupdasji, the jewel of Shastriji Maharaj's heart. (P.I.) 11
(1) Pure observance of the five cardinal moral injunctions and incomparable devotion to guru.
(2) Appointed as President of the Akshar Purushottam Sanstha.
(3) Bhagvati diksha on 10-1-1939.
(4) Born in Padra.

SECTION-3: ESSAY

Q.14 Write an essay on any ONE. (In approx 60 lines.) (20 Marks)

1. Satsang Pravrutti - A path for spritual and worldly progress.
2. A balance of prayer and effort in the life of Pramukh Swami Maharaj.
3. The personal and social life of an ideal Satsangi.

Note: One essay from above essays and a few questions from the questions given above will be asked in the Final Examination to be held on Sunday 16 July, 2006.



TO,
Pariksha Dept, (Dt: 18 June 2006. Exam: Satsang Pravin - 1. Medium: English. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

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