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(TOTAL MARKS: 100)

**SECTION 1: AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA - 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, July 1996**

**Q.1 For any Two of the following, give three references from the scriptures. (6)**  
(It is compulsory to write the reference scripture and number.)

1. The state of realization can not be attained by mere learning or reading scriptures or by hearing sermons from such people who have not attained the state of self-realization. (86)
2. Disadvantages of understanding God as nirakar. (16)
3. What is upasana? (5)
4. Cosmic evolution. (49)

**Q.2 Given below are references from the scriptures, principles or stanzas. Write the topic they relate to. (5)**  
**Example:** "Maru dham chhe re, Akshar Amrut jenu nam; Tema hu rahu re, dvibhuj divya sada sakar."

**Ans:** God as sakar in Akshardham and on earth.

1. "Brahman resides only at one place, yet he is still immanent." (21)
2. "The image that you behold is in all respects identical with the image in Akshardham." (141)
3. "Nari nayan shar jahi na laga, ghor krodh tam nishi jo jaga, Lobh pash jehi gar na bandhaya, so nar tumha saman Raghuraya." (96)
4. "If the transcendental highest from whom all incarnations emanate is reckoned on par with other incarnations, it amounts to blasphemy." (36)
5. "Similarly, Parmeshwar, so long as he wishes allows the influence of desh, kala, karma etc. to prevail." (9)

**Q.3 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct ones. (4)**

**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. To whom did Gunatitanand Swami reveal that he himself was Akshar: (137)  
(1)  Sadhu Keshavjivandas (2)  Vagha Khachar (3)  Naja Kamaliya (4)  Naja Jogia
2. In which scriptures is the topic of becoming Akshar-rup and offering upasana to Purushottam with Swami-sevak-bhav discussed: (109)  
(1)  Shikshapatri (2)  Satsangijivan  
(3)  Haricharitra Chintamani (4)  Vedras

**Q.4 Describe any ONE of the following and highlight the significance. (4)**

1. He is omniscient, omnipotent and the Dhanvantar Vaidya. (144)
2. "Swami, please tour the villages, you will get peace." (80)
3. Raghuvirji Maharaj's entanglements were dissolved. (148)

**Q.5 Write briefly on any TWO of the following. (In 12 lines each.) (8)**

1. The Gunatit Sadhu - The pragat form of God, yet a loyal servant. (106)
2. Gunatitanand Swami is Akshar from his life and work (any two incidents). (153)
3. Parabrahman Purushottam Narayan: one and unique. (53)
4. Glory of the Gunatit Sadhu in the words of Gunatitanand Swami. (101)

**Q.6 Explain any TWO of the following, giving reasons. (In 12 lines each.) (8)**

1. Even the lords of infinite abodes and their muktas are attracted towards the murtis of Shriji Maharaj. (44)
2. Necessity of knowing god as the all-doer. (11)
3. Shriji Maharaj is always pragat through his murti as well as the Brahmaswarup Satpurush. (74)
4. Maharaj appreciated Nityanand Swami and said, "A true upasak should be like him." (58)

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

**(What to understand in upasana?) (158 - 160)**

1. Parabrahman dwelling in Akshardham ..... Shriji Maharaj manifesting on earth. (158)
2. Aksharbrahman like Purushottam ..... unique. (158)
3. Shriji Maharaj is ..... divya - divine. (157)
4. The sagun and ..... subtlest of the subtle. (158)

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

5. The atman ..... like Aksharbrahman. (160)
6. There is no murtiman ..... divine light. (160)
7. The words of Vachanamrut ..... can be changed. (161)

**Q.8 Write a short note on "Shriji Maharaj - The supreme". (37)**

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SECTION 2: SATSANG READER III, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, June 1993 &  
PORTRAIT OF INSPIRATION - PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, February 2007

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

1. "Never has he indulged in such exploits." (67) OR
2. "You go and meet him, I'll meet him later." (4)
3. "Please stay here. Perform large scale yagnas." (62) OR
4. "I was confident that Bapa would come." (25)
5. "If it goes wild, it will cause havoc and injury." (12) OR
6. "Now drink this. You will be all right soon." (7)

**Q.10 Give reasons for the following. (In 9 lines each.) (8)**

1. Shivilalbai was not affected even a bit. (80) OR
2. Nishkulanand Swami went to beg for food at the place of his father-in-law. (39)
3. The priest requested Frank to talk about the great, realised sadhu to the Sunday congregation. (34) OR
4. The lower caste youths' inferiority complex was dissolved. (5)

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

1. Mukunddas staunchness for observing celibacy. (17) OR
2. The loving relationship between Raghuvirji Maharaj and Gunatitanand Swami. (53)
3. A great sadhu from India. (35) OR
4. Swamishri's oneness with his devotees. (38)

**Q.12 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (5)**

1. What thought was strengthened in Lalji Bhakta on seeing the wonder of the coarse cloth? (36)
2. How did Maharaj offer vartman to the Bhil in Dharampur? (62)
3. With what has Dalpatram compared Muktanand Swami's speech? (27)
4. Who helped the thief come out of the water tank? (22)
5. When and where did Shastriji Maharaj give Pramukh Swami Maharaj bhagvati diksha? (xi)

**Q.13 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct ones. (8)**

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1. Which of the following kirtans were written by Muktanand Swami: (23, 25, 31)  
(1)  "Anubhavi anandmaa....."  
(2)  "Chhaandike Shri Krishnadev....."  
(3)  "Sukhadayak re Swami Sahajanand....."  
(4)  "Bhramana bhangi re haiyani....."
2. Who would Raghuvirji Maharaj consult regarding all religious matters? (47)  
(1)  Gopalanand Swami (2)  Shukmuni Swami  
(3)  Gunatitanand Swami (4)  Nityanand Swami
3. Spiritual leaders who have praised Pramukh Swami Maharaj. (XIII)  
(1)  Swami Atmanandji (2)  Sachidanand Swami  
(3)  Chidanand Swami (4)  Shankaracharya Jayendra Sarasvati
4. Village(s) which Pramukh Swami Maharaj has visited despite being ill: (XV)  
(1)  Lakshmipura (2)  Vasad  
(3)  Trichinapalli. (4)  Odarka.

SECTION 3: ESSAY

**Q.14 Write an essay on any ONE. (In approx 60 lines.) (15)**

1. Pramukh Swami Maharaj – A guide to spiritual endeavors
2. Treatment of mental stress: Inside or outside?
3. Chaturmas: festival of inner search

**Note: A few of the questions in this Pre-Test Paper will be asked in the Final Examination to be held on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Use the latest editions of the exam books.**

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