

**SATSANG EXAMINATIONS (PRE-TEST: 7 JUNE 2009)**

TIME: 2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

**SATSANG PRAVIN-2**

(Note: Figures after the question indicate the page number of the answer.)

(TOTAL MARKS: 100)

**SECTION 1: KISHORE SATSANG PRAVIN - 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, February 1994****Q.1 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9)**

1. "We shall certainly obey Maharaj." (114)
2. "If I look to the evil deeds of man, none could be granted salvation." (30)
3. "Please dip your feet into my pot." (97)

**Q.2 Give reasons for any THREE of the following. (In 12 lines each.) (9)**

1. A cool, serene moon-like light spread over the hermitage in Bengal. (82)
2. Shriji Maharaj sent 400 sadhus to Surat. (38)
3. Uka Khachar arrived late for darshan. (14)
4. One can meditate on a BrahmaSwarup sadhu. (55)

**Q.3 Write short notes on the following. (In approx. 12 lines.) (8)**

1. Bhaktaraj Maganbhai (121) OR
2. Places of pilgrimage. (31)
3. Ultimate redemption. (116) OR
4. Vachanamrut. (42)

**Q.4 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (6)**

1. Why have Swaminarayan sadhus earned great prestige and reverence in the society? (20)
2. What did Jetha Mer remark to his wife when Maharaj fell asleep? (70)
3. Why is Uka Khachar's name is immortal in the whole of Satsang? (15)
4. Why was Ganapatiji puzzled? (87)
5. How can one purify their agricultural products and wealth? (4)
6. What did Kripanand Swami say when he was bitten by a snake? (74)

**Q.5 "There is nothing to grieve for...." (104) Complete the Swamini Vato and narrate it. (5)****Q.6 From the following sentences choose FIVE correct sentences. (Write the sentence numbers only.) (5)****Topic: Mansi Puja (59)**

1. There is no difference whatsoever between the divine form of the Lord of Akshardham and this manifest form of God.
2. Do seva by offering food and garments according to the seasons.
3. One can experience closeness to God.
4. One should offer bhakti to God with an understanding of his glory.
5. Such is the benefit of serving the brahmanised Sadhu on par with God.
6. Seventh step in ashtanga-yoga.
7. This will increase a devotee's affection towards Maharaj and enhance his spiritual state.
8. Sit facing north or east and should concentrate on the atma.
9. His total manifestation is felt in Akshar only.
10. Becomes a great devotee in this birth.

**Sentence nos.** **Q.7 Complete the following verses. (8)**

1. Satsangi tamaara ..... amane na nade. (101)
2. Vaahalaa taari naabhi ..... nav kahun re lol. (85)
3. Kalpataru ..... tatkaala tyaare. (24)
4. Hota palan pralaya ..... purush akaami. (13)

**Q.8 Complete the following. (6)**

1. Janamangal Stotram: Paramhansa Namaha ..... Dhyananishthaya Namaha. (61)
2. Sadgrantha ..... sharanam prapadye. (36)
3. Translate the shlok: Aho bata shvapachoto..... grunanti ye te. (119)

**SECTION 2: GUNATITANAND SWAMI - 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, March 2007****Q.9 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9)**

1. "Oh sadhuram! Do you starve yourself to this extent daily?" (36)
2. "He will one day live in havelis and become the governor of thousands of devotees." (11)
3. "I don't know anybody there." (78)

**[P.T.O.]**

Please note that I have been present personally in the Pre-Test Exam organized by the Satsang Shikshan Pariksha Karyalay, Ahmedabad. Please note that the following details filled are true.

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**Q.10 Give reasons for any THREE of the following. (In 9 lines each.)**

(9)

1. Vasta would run away to Junagadh often. (71)
2. Pitambardas became Sadhu Vignandasji. (90)
3. In Vartal Shukmuni Swami instructed that Gunatitanand Swami not be called Akshar. (90-91)
4. Vasudevcharandas experienced divine peace. (69)

**Q.11 Write concisely on any TWO of the following. (In 12 lines each.)**

(8)

1. Appointment as Mahant of Junagadh. (48)
2. From pauper to prince. (73)
3. Childhood Years. (3)

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

(6)

1. What were the names of Mulji's mother and father? (1)
2. What did Maharaj say while becoming Gunatitanand Swami's surety? (43)
3. What would Gopalanand Swami say whenever he heard Gunatitanand Swami's discourses on Shriji Maharaj as being Purushottam? (58)
4. After leaving home, in which village did Mulji Bhakta meet Maharaj? (17)
5. When did Maharaj return to Dham? (54)
6. What did the Nagar devotee see Gunatitanand Swami eating and so lose his desire for tasty foods? (75-76)

**Q.13 Write short notes on any ONE of the following and bring out the moral. (In approx. 12 lines.)**

(4)

1. The sadhu eats very well. (30)
2. Only the Jogi can change my words. (56)
3. Purifying influence of a true sadhu. (88)

**Q.14 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct ones.**

(8)

**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. Which of the following devotees' lives has Gunatitanand Swami transformed? (61, 63, 89)  
(1)  Munja Suru      (2)  Valera Varu  
(3)  Pitambardas      (4)  Joban Pagi
2. Which of the following were Swamishri's foremost disciples? (88)  
(1)  Shivlal Sheth      (2)  Hansaraj Patel  
(3)  Balmukunddasji      (4)  Swami Yagneshwardasji
3. Which of the following devotees did Swamishri tell sadhus to listen too? (76)  
(1)  Rayo Desai of Kamigadh      (2)  Kalyanbhai of Vanthali  
(3)  Ram Bhanderi of Bagasara      (4)  Karsan Bambhaniyo of Hamapar
4. Words spoken by Gunatitanand Swami (77, 32, 91)  
(1)  "If the guru lives a hundred percent, then the disciples follow suit to some extent."  
(2)  "One cannot find out one's own merits or demerits without being told."  
(3)  "Mitha vhala kem visaro maru, maru tamthi bandhel tan ho....."  
(4)  "Where the king's order prevails, there too the queen's order prevails."

**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.**

