



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

(TOTAL MARKS: 100)

SECTION 1: AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA - 2nd 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. Liking for Sakar. (13)
2. Characteristics of the Gunatit saint. (95)
3. Akshardham - the highest, Shriji Maharaj - the Supreme. (37)
4. The form of Aksharbrahman. (117)

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. "He is the Lord of millions of macrocosms and the support of Aksharbrahman." (42)
2. "Dharma, Vairagya and Atmanishtha can not lead to Moksha." (5)
3. "God of the divine abode and God of the earthly form are one and the same entity." (23)
4. "If God is taken to be formless it amounts to an irredeemable sin from which liberation is impossible." (16)
5. "When I reverted without, I found that I was the all-doer." (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. The importance of devotion to the pragat form of God (78-79)
 - (1) Pragat swarup upasi, dhanya so pragat swarup upasi.
 - (2) Pragatna bhajanthi param sukh pamie.
 - (3) Pragatne bhaji bhaji par pamyia ghana, gidh ganika kapivrund koti.
 - (4) "God is pragat and these talks are pragat. The rest are like the sun painted on a piece of paper."
2. The various functions of Aksharbrahman (118)
 - (1) Parabrahman's antaryami power
 - (2) As Satchidanand Chidakash Radiance.
 - (3) In human form
 - (4) As divine, personal and sakar

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

1. Always remain under Swami's obligation, but never let him feel your obligation. (149)
2. Weight of 18 quilts. (132)
3. Sadguru khele vasant. (131)

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

1. Gunatitanand Swami's unique glory as described by Shriji Maharaj. (134)
2. Glory of the Gunatit Sadhu in other shastras. (105)
3. Parabrahman Purushottam Narayan: one and unique. (53)
4. Becoming aksharup and offering upasana to Purushottam with Swami-Sevak Bhav. (109)

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

1. One who tries to throw dust against the sun finds it falling back in his own eyes. (30)
2. God is always sakar and has a divine form. (22)
3. The sadhu is the greatest of all. (83)
4. Shastriji Maharaj went to Bhojka to hear the talk of Malji Soni. (142)

Q.7 Upasana: What to understand? What not to understand? Complete the following statements. (7)**(What to understand in upasana?) (158 - 160)**

1. After departing Narayanswarupdasji. (159)
2. Parabrahman unique. (157)
3. Aksharbrahman Purushottam Narayan. (159)
4. Jiva, Ishwar one another. (157)

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

5. It is possible to Shriji Maharaj. (161)
6. When God manifests that period. (160)
7. The words of can be changed. (161)

Q.8 Write a short notes on: Explain the highest position of Shriji Maharaj based on the phases of cosmic evolution. (49)

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SECTION 2: SATSANG READER III, 4th Edition, April 2009 &
PORTRAIT OF INSPIRATION - PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ, 2nd Edition, February 2007

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

1. "When an elephant is in distress only another elephant can rescue it." (62) OR
2. "He persuaded everyone not to take revenge. He said that Maharaj would do us a good turn." (54)
3. "The letter you have brought says that I must go to Gadhada soon." (72) OR
4. "Smoking is worthless and it will spoil your health." (27)
5. "The fruits of all activities are due to God's wish." (xvii) OR
6. "By visiting your huts, one experiences devotion and love." (14)

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

1. Gopalanand Swami ordered that the milk be poured away. (44) OR
2. The murti of Hanumanji of Sarangpur began to shake. (7)
3. Springs of love and friendship will forever be etched between the village of Kukad and Odarka. (33) OR
4. Celebration through seva. (18)

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

1. Shivlal Sheth – untouched by worldly life (81) OR
2. Saintliness of Muktanand Swami. (25)
3. Dahyabhai felt happiness. (24-25) OR
4. Divine experience of the Harijan youth of Sarangpur. (5)

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

1. To whom did Dwarkadas Bawa of Dhrangadhra send Mukunddas? (19)
2. From whom did the King of Idar ask forgiveness? (3)
3. In which village did Maharaj give diksha to Lalji Suthar? (41)
4. What instructions did Swamishri give to the attendants after being insulted? (10)
5. What was written in the letter from guru Shastriji Maharaj? (xi)

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

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1. Gopalanand Swami explained Gunatitanand Swami's glory to which of the following devotees? (9)
(1) Pragji Bhakta (2) Jaga Bhakta
(3) Keshavjivandasji (4) Shivlalbhai
2. Which of the following texts did Shri Raghuvirji Maharaj compose? (57)
(1) Harililamrut (2) Harililakalpataru
(3) Commentary on Shikshapatri (4) Vachanamrut
3. Devotees who have experienced Pramukh Swami Maharaj's care. (11, 21, 25)
(1) Ganesh from Viramgam. (2) The fisherman's son, Prashant.
(3) President of Kenya, Jomo Kenyatta. (4) The cancer patient, Dahyabhai.
4. Those who have expressed their admiration for Pramukh Swami Maharaj. (xv, xiv)
(1) Nani Palkhiwala. (2) Atmanandji Swami.
(3) Mahatma Gandhi. (4) President George W. Bush.

SECTION 3: ESSAY

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

1. Dress code – Bhagwan Swaminarayan. (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), April 2008, p. 21-27)
2. Mandir and Satsang – A true path of life for those who have lost their way. (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), June 2007, p. 21-25)
3. Swami guides the way for teenagers. (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), January 2009, p. 22-29)



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