

SECTION 1: SAHAJANAND CHARITRA - 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, December 2009

**Q.1 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9)**

1. "Eat, drink and be merry and make us happy too." (164)
2. "That branch has now been cut." (25)
3. "They will be able to halt the false rumours and people will be able to see the reality." (122)

**Q.2 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (6)**

1. Shriji Maharaj covered Gunatitanand Swami with the coarse blanket. (132)
2. Shriji Maharaj wrote letters to the sadhus to encourage them to run the almshouse. (23)
3. They felt the heavens falling apart. (170)

**Q.3 Write short notes on any ONE of the following. (In 15 lines.) (5)**

1. Reception at Surat. (134-137)
2. Imbibe Virtues. (158-159)
3. Defeat of Vedantacharya. (103-104)

**Q.4 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (5)**

1. Whose father died soon after the yagna at Jetalpur? (59)
2. Which place did Shriji Maharaj chose to construct the first mandir in Kathiawad? (143)
3. Why did the female devotees of Gadhpur refuse Shriji Maharaj to leave? (34)
4. Who was churning the curd at Rathod Dhadhal's house? (75)
5. In Kalwani, how many sadhus did Maharaj tell at the same time to give up what? (43)

**Q.5 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct ones. (4)**

**Note: One or more of the options may be correct. Full marks will be awarded only if all the correct options are chosen, otherwise no marks will be awarded.**

1. Shriji Maharaj explains Gunatitanand Swami's glory at: (65, 83, 151)
 

(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Rathod Dhadhal's house	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Gadhada
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Bhadaran	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Dabhan
2. Shriji Maharaj consecrated ..... dev at ..... mandir. (124, 130, 149)
 

(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Madan-Mohan – Dholera	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Nar-Narayan – Bhuj
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Laxmi-Narayan – Gadhada	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Nar-Narayan – Ahmedabad

**Q.6 Fill in the blanks. (4)**

1. Shriji Maharaj said his name is ..... but Sheth is indeed very ..... (144)
2. .... touched the pickled carrots. (53)
3. As soon as ..... touched the stone, it flew and fell into the water near the bank of the lake. (12)
4. Shriji Maharaj is a ..... Brahmin and his Gotra is ..... (123)

SECTION 2: SATSANG READER PART 2 - 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, April 2011

**Q.7 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9)**

1. "Today I want to go to dham." (26)
2. "I have been waiting for you." (68)
3. "By serving you, I know I am serving Shriji Maharaj." (31)

**Q.8 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (4)**

1. A carder did not have a child of his own, but God gifted him a child. (9)
2. Vajesinh Darbar could not say a word. (37)

**Q.9 Write short notes on 'Nityanand Swami was as firm as a mountain in his conviction' (4-5) (In 15 lines.) (5)**

**Q.10 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (4)**

1. When was Karsanjibhai born? (Tithi, Samvat) (63)
2. What did Nityanand Swami suggest to Acharya Maharaj? (7)
3. Whose place did Shriji Maharaj look upon as his own home? (41)
4. What happens if one meditates on God in the way described in the verses of "Vandu Sahjanand..."? (13)

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Please note that I have been present personally in the Pre-Test "Satsang Parichay 1" Exam organized by the Satsang Shikshan Pariksha Karyalay, Ahmedabad. Please note that the following details filled are true.

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**Q.11 Select the SIX correct sentences from below and write them in the correct story sequence in the boxes. (6)**

**Topic: Bhaktaraj Laduba Celebrates Annakut Utsav (41-43)**

1. Shriji Maharaj said, "Let Laduba look after the festivals of the bright half of the month and let Jivuba take care of the festivals taking place during the dark half of the month." 2. Jivuba approached Laduba with a request, "O sister, please allow me to celebrate the festival of Annakut, which takes place during the dark half of the month." 3. "Maharaj, We will manage to stay anywhere on the bank of the river." 4. Laduba politely asked, "Maharaj, Who used to feed you and bathe you in your incarnation as Krishna?" 5. Bhaktimata said, "Then I am prepared to stay here with my son, Shriji Maharaj." 6. Bhaktimata said, "I am a Pativrata woman, so if you all observe dharma then I will stay among you." 7. Laduba explained, "According to shastras the Annakut festival is a part of the Diwali celebrations." 8. Laduba began to take care of the buffalo at home. 9. The next day Jivuba, Laduba, Rajba, Surba and many other women had assembled in a room. Suddenly, the whole room was filled with brilliant light. 10. Laduba, with great efforts and assistance from her friends, prepared a beautiful Annakut. 11. Shriji Maharaj consecrated the murti of Vasudev-Narayan in one of the rooms of the darbar. 12. Upon hearing this, the women replied, "We will observe dharma."

- (1) Write the correct sentence numbers        Note: (1) 3 marks will be awarded for the correct sentence numbers only if ALL SIX sentence numbers are correct and (2) 3 marks will be awarded only if the whole sequence of sentence numbers is correct. Otherwise no marks will be given.
- (2) Correct sequence of sentences

**Q.12 Rewrite the incorrect sentences below in relation to the sentence heading. (4)**

**Note: Marks will be awarded only if a sentence is written completely correctly. Otherwise no marks will be awarded.**

**Example: Sadguru Nityanand Swami:** In Ahmedabad, on the night of Mahavad 9, 1872 CE, in the presence of Acharya Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj, Gunatitanand Swami, Paramchaitanyanand Swami and Kripanand Swami, Nityanand Swami left his physical body.

**Ans. Sadguru Nityanand Swami:** On Magsharsud 8, V.S. 1903, in the presence of Acharya Raghuvirji Maharaj, Gopalanand Swami, Shuk Muni, Shunyatitanandji and many other sadhus, he left his corporeal body at Vartal.

- Shri Krishnaji Ada:** During his stay in Vartal, Shastriji Maharaj would tell all who sought his company to go to Junagadh for the darshan of Krishnaji Ada. (66)
- Premsakhi Premanand Swami:** On the occasion of Kartik sud 11, Premanand Swami pledged a vow, "O Maharaj! I pledge that I will daily compose four pads in praise of your murti." (12)
- Mukundanand Varni (Mulji Brahmchari) :** While addressing a congregation in the Gopinath room, Shriji Maharaj announced, "If anyone is found sleeping in the congregation, he would be awakened with a blow from the shoe." (22)
- Bhaktaraj Dada Khachar:** Shriji Maharaj solemnized the marriage of Dada Khachar with Karaniba, the daughter of Darbar Nagpal Varu. After several years they had two sons: Jiva Khachar and Amra Khachar. (39)

### SECTION 3: ESSAY

**Q.13 Write an essay on any ONE of the following. (In approximately 30 lines.) (10)**

- Character: Man's Priceless Ornament. (Swaminarayan Prakash, September 2012)
- God-Realization Through Self-Control. (Swaminarayan Prakash, November 2012)
- True Music of Mandirs. (Swaminarayan Prakash, October 2012)

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