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SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA
SATSANG EXAMINATIONS
SATSANG PRAVESH

PAPER-1

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Time: 9.00 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.

TOTAL MARKS: 75

Note: Figures to the right indicate the marks for that question.

SECTION - 1

(NEELKANTH CHARITRA)

Q.1 For any TWO of the following, state who is speaking to whom and when the words were spoken. 6

1. "If you are sincere and earnest in your quest, you will find God incarnate right here."
2. "Please bestow upon us the virtues of vairagya and penance."
3. "When you want to become a sadhu, come searching for me in Kathiyawad."
4. "My name is Sahajanand."

Q.2 Give reasons for any TWO of the following. (In 12 lines.) 8

1. All the other ghosts ran away terrified.
2. Shivji gave Neelkanth salt and sathvo.
3. Jeer Swami got angry with Neelkanth.
4. The eyes of all the devotees become wet with tears of joy after Sahajanand Swami was appointed as the head of the Fellowship.

Q.3 Answer concisely any ONE of the following. (In 12 lines.) 4

1. Darshan in two forms.
2. Ungrateful Sevakram.
3. Upliftment of the Telangi Brahmin.

Q.4 Answer ALL of the questions below, using only one sentence for each answer. 6

1. What would Krishna Tamboli feed Neelkanth?
2. For how long did Neelkanth's travels last?
3. Who fed Neelkanth on Kala Parvat?
4. Where was Lakshmanji given darshan in the divine form of Ramchandrajji by Neelkanth?
5. Who gave diksha to Ramanand Swami in his dreams? And where did this take place?
6. Which marks were present on Neelkanth's left sole.

Q.5 Narrate any ONE of the following and bring out its moral. (In 12 lines.) 4

1. Neelkanth carried the bundle of cucumbers.
2. The police chief in a trance.
3. Meeting with Gopal Yogi.

Q.6 Fill in the blanks. 4

1. Neelkanth had reached the shore of lake in Janakpur.
2., the demon, pushed Neelkanth in the Saryu river.
3. Neelkanth asked the way to from Lord Himalaya.
4. Swami met Neelkanth by the open step well in Loj.

SECTION - 2

(SATSANG READER PART-I)

Q.7 For any TWO of the following, state who is speaking to whom and when the words were spoken. 6

1. "I want to observe celibacy and devote my life to the worship of God."
2. "I want to make you well today, come, let me take you in my arms."
3. "Please build a mandir here for the benefit of the devotees of the Sorath region."
4. "Take him to Muktanand Swami, he will initiate him."

Q.8 Give reasons for any TWO of the following. (In 12 lines.) 8

1. Joban Pagi's spirit faded away to Akshardham.
2. Munibawa accepted initiation from Maharaj.
3. Shastriji Maharaj took Ashabhai in his arms and embraced him.
4. Nirgun Swami wrote a letter of sweet rebuke to a devotee.

Q.9 Write concisely about any ONE of the following. (In 12 lines.) 4

1. Gunatitanand Swami strengthened Shukmuni swami's faith that Maharaj is the Supreme God.
2. Maharaj's glory explained by Kashiyabhai.
3. Jinabhai's love (atmabuddhi) for devotees.

Q.10 Answer ALL of the following, using only one sentence for each answer. 6

1. By the desire of which two brothers did Shastriji Maharaj decide to build a mandir of marble?

2. Give the names of two of the mandirs that Brahmanand Swami constructed.
3. "He is like Muktanand Swami." Who would Maharaj use this phrase for?
4. Who was Devanand Swami's music teacher?
5. Who would often sing, "Re shir sate natavar ne variye."
6. When Maharaj came to know of Jinabhai lifting Kamalshi Vanza's cot how many times did He embrace him?

Q.11 Narrate briefly any ONE of the following and bring out its moral. (In 12 lines.) 4

1. Brahmanand Swami was not given a kantan (flaxen cloth) to wear.
2. Jinabhai passing away in the presence of Maharaj.
3. Jivuba stepped down from the chariot .

SECTION - 3 (ESSAY)

Q.12 Write on any ONE of the following. (In approx. 45 lines.) 15

1. Neelkanth's travels for salvation.
2. Character – the foundation to progress in Satsang.
3. Our heart – Pramukh Swami Maharaj, and how to care for it.

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