

**BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM
SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA
SATSANG EXAMINATIONS**

SATSANG PRAVIN

PAPER-1

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Time: 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

TOTAL MARKS: 100

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

SECTION-1

AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA

Q.1 For any TWO of the following, give THREE references from the scriptures. [6]

1. Parabrahman Purushottam Narayan: One and Unique.
2. Glory of the Gunatit Sadhu in the poems of the paramhansas.
3. Redemption through the Pragat form of God or His Sadhu.
4. Becoming Aksharrup and offering Upasana to Purushottam with Swami-sevak Bhav.

Q.2 Write the subject title for the given references. [5]

1. Without the upasana of God's murti, it is not possible to realise one's own atma.
2. "Janma karma cha me divyamevam yo veti tattvataha."
3. I, Purushottam - who am beyond even Akshar, have assumed human form.
4. "Parabrahma Puran Purushottam, Swaminarayan sumarani."
5. "Sant manjo mari murti re, ema fer nathi ek rati re."

Q.3 Write the correct answers from the given options. [4]

Note: There may be more than one correct option. Marks will be awarded only for all correct options.

1. Which of the following show cosmic evolution in the correct order?
(A) Parabrahma, Aksharbrahma, Akshar Purush (Mukta) + Mahamaya, Pradhan Purush
(B) Virat Purush, Brahma, Kashyap Prajapati, Marichyadik Prajapati

(C) Parabrahma, Akshar Purush (Mukta) + Mahamaya, Virat Purush, Pradhan Purush

(D) Virat Purush, Brahma, Marichyadik Prajapati, Kashyap Prajapati

2. Which incarnations, devotees and deities are correctly paired with their abode of residence?

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| (A) Brahma - Kailas | (B) Nirannamukta - Shvetdwip |
| (C) Indra - Amaravati | (D) Vishnu - Golok |

Q.4 Write short notes on any ONE of the following and explain the moral. (12 lines each.) [4]

1. Yagnapurushdas suddenly came out from under the cot.
2. Ramanand Swami rebuked Lalji Bhakta.
3. You are simpletons.

Q.5 Explain any TWO of the following. (12 lines each.) [8]

1. God as sakar in Akshardham and on earth.
2. Necessity of faith in divine supremacy.
3. The importance of devotion to the pragat form of God.
4. Aksharbrahma: as satchidanand chidakash radiance and as the divine abode.

Q.6 Give reasons for any TWO of the following. (12 lines each.) [8]

1. Shriji Maharaj hadn't killed Ravan or other demons yet the paramhansas believed Him to be God.
2. Gopalanand Swami said, "This is Jogi's doing. Only he can change what I have said."
3. To attain perfection in this very birth one should serve Pramukh Swami Maharaj.
4. It is necessary to understand Shriji Maharaj as the all-doer.

Q.7 Upasana: What to understand? What not to understand? Complete the following statements. [8]

Upasana: What to understand?

1. Shriji Maharaj is Purna and divine.
2. Parabrahma and is unique.
3. Aksharbrahma is one as a sevak-servant.
4. Aksharbrahma, while serving nirgun whatever he accepts.
5. After departing from this earth Shastri Narayanswarpdasji.

Upasana: What not to understand?

1. Shriji Maharajor devotees.
2. There is no murtiman Aksharbrahma merely divine light.
3. Without the contact of a one's own efforts.

Q.8 Write short note on the dual upasana of Akshar Purushottam. [5]

SECTION-2**SATSANG READER - PART III &****PORTRAIT OF INSPIRATION: PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ**

Q.9 For any TWO of the following, state who is speaking to whom and when the words were spoken. [6]

1. "In past births we must have endured great humiliation for our spouses and children."
2. "If you so desire, Gomti would be full of water."
3. "Why not work hard yourself. God has given you hands and feet, so why not use them to work honestly!"

Q.10 Give reasons for any TWO of the following. (12 lines each.) [6]

1. Shriji Maharaj told the Kathi darbars, "Do you spoil things in this way at your own houses?"
2. The king withdrew the tax on the Brahmins.
3. Shriji Maharaj sent Muktanand Swami to Dharampur.
4. Atmaswarup Swami experienced that the Satpurush has no language barrier.

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

1. Lalji Bhakta became Nishkulanand.
OR
Shivlal Sheth's control over his senses.
2. 'I have God, I have no money!'

OR
Loving Service

Q.12 Answer the following, using only one sentence for each. [6]

1. During his illness whom did Gopalanand Swami talk of looking towards?
2. How many times did Kushalkuvarba perform Shriji Maharaj's arti during His stay?
3. Which two famines befell Parvatbhai?

4. How did Shivlal Sheth perform dhyaan?
5. Muktanand Swami's lenience is superior to whose sacrifice?
6. In Vasad, despite being ill and fasting, how many homes did Pramukh Swami Maharaj sanctify?

Q.13 Write the correct answers from the given options. [6]

Note: There may be more than one correct option. Marks will be awarded only for all correct options.

1. In which Vachanamruts has Shriji Maharaj praised Muktanand Swami?
(A) Gadhada-I-58 (B) Sarangpur-3
(C) Loya-3 (D) Gadhada-III-24
2. The special qualities of Raghuvirji Maharaj
(A) In the whole of Vartal, only Raghuvirji Maharaj recognised the true form of Gunatitanand Swami.
(B) Shriji Maharaj used to say, "There is no one in the entire Dharmakul who can match Raghuvirji. He is unique."
(C) His style of renunciation resembled that of Shriji Maharaj.
(D) His eagerness to do samagam was like the beggars of Bhimnath.
3. Nishkulanand Swami
(A) Wrote Purushottam Prakash
(B) Made the small domes of the Gadhada mandir
(C) Was born on Vasant Panchmi, 1822
(D) Composed the verse: 'Sahajanand Hari, pragat thaya Sahajanand Hari...'

SECTION-3: ESSAY

Q.14 Write an essay on ONE of the following. (In 60 lines.) [20]

1. 'The divine wish of Yogiji Maharaj,
fulfilled today by Pramukh Swami Maharaj;
A team of 700 sadhus under his guide,
travels throughout the world far and wide.'
2. Pramukh Swami Maharaj – propagator of the Akshar Purushottam Upasana.
3. The role of bal mandal activities in the uplift of society

