

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

**SATSANG PRAVIN
PAPER-1**

Date: 6th March 2005

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. Necessity of knowing God as the All-Doer.
 2. The necessity of Aksharbrahma in order to know Parabrahman as He is.
 3. Disadvantages of perceiving human traits in God.
 4. Deficiencies resulting from not realising the manifest form of God.
- Q.2 Write the title for the given references. [5]**
1. Nijatmanam brahmarupam dehatraya vilakshanam |
Vibhavya tena kartavya bhakti krishnasya sarvada ||
 2. Je je apanane nav game, te jiva kem shake kari.
 3. One should appropriately reconcile all the four systems of philosophy and arrive at the true revelation of the knowledge of God.
 4. Jeh dhamne pamine prani, pachhu padvanu nathi re.
 5. E vina rakhe Gnani gano, jene Hari nayane nathi dekhiya.
- 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. Importance of Upasana.
 - A. One realises one's own atma.
 - B. To overcome death.
 - C. One never suffers a setback.
 - D. One remains happy ever in the face of the intense misery.
 2. God as sakar in Akshardham and on earth.

A. Gadhada III/37	B. Gadhada I/37
C. Gadhada III/7	D. Panchala 7
- Q.4 Write short notes on any ONE of the following and bring out the moral. (12 lines each.) [4]**
1. "All of you should learn from Gunatitanand Swami how to eat."
 2. "Boy! Do not indulge in comparisons of gods."
 3. Bapu Ratanji in Junagadh.
- Q.5 Explain any TWO of the following. (12 lines each.) [8]**
1. Characteristics of the Gunatit Sadhu.
 2. Gunatitanand Swami's unique glory: as described by himself.
 3. Many devotees and avatars have described themselves as Purushottam, in the scriptures but in reality only Shriji Maharaj is Purushottam.
 4. Cosmic evolution.
- Q.6 Give reasons for any TWO of the following. (12 lines each.) [8]**
1. God is with a form.
 2. Muktanand Swami wrote: "Pragatna bhajanthe param sukh pamie, Ura thaki nash pame andharu...."
 3. Acharya Bhagvatprasadji Maharaj had Keshavjivandasji discard his saffron clothes and put on white clothes.
 4. A true devotee should be like Nityanand Swami.
- Q.7 Upasana: What to understand? [8]**
- Complete the sentences.**
1. Parabrahma dwelling in Akshardham Shriji Maharaj manifesting on earth.
 2. The other incarnationsPurushottam Narayan.
 3. The sagunof the subtle.

4. Parabrahman unique.
5. There are infinite muktas who have the final rest.

Upasana: What not to understand?

6. Only Aksharbrahmathrough him.
7. ParamhansasMul Aksharbrahma.
8. There is no murtimanmerely diving light.

Q.8 Divyabhav: God in Human form is Divine. [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. "I'll make arrangements for the exemption of the octroi duty at Bharuch."
2. "Everyone knows me here so how can I beg here?"
3. "See that he is served lunch before he leaves."

Q.10 Give reasons for any TWO of the following. [6]

1. Nityanand Swami scolded Muktanand Swami's attendant.

OR

1. Acharya Raguverji Maharaj himself cooked a millet bread.
2. Shivalal Sheth's sister-in-law felt insulted.

OR

2. A youth broke down crying.

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

1. Parvatbhai's love for the sadhus. **OR**
1. Khushal Bhatt's miraculous powers.
2. Pramukh Swami Maharaj - free from desire for wealth. **OR**
2. Pramukh Swami Maharaj - removing addictions in the middle of the night.

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

1. What instruction has Shriji Maharaj given to Muktanand Swami in Gadhada II-58?
2. What great things did Shivalal Sheth do in Gadhada and Bhavnagar?
3. Whom did Parvatbhai become an attendant of?
4. Why did Gopalanand Swami install a murti of Hanumanji in Sarangpur?
5. What reply did Gunatitanand Swami give to Acharya Raghuvirji Maharaj's question, "Who is Akshar?"?
6. In 1985, despite illness, how many villages did Pramukh Swami Maharaj visit in how many days?

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. Experiencers of Pramukh Swami Maharaj's compassion.
A. Dahyabhai B. Prashant C. Sadhujivan Swami D. Mr. Cogswell
2. Kirtans by Niskulanand Swami.
A. 'Satsang vina janma maran brahmjal mate nahi jantane.'
B. 'Sukhdayak re Swami Sahajanand.....'
C. 'Sukhi karya re jan jaktama.....'
D. 'Sahajanand hari, pragat thayaa Sahajanand hari....'
3. Who had delivered talks to Kushalkuvarba.
A. Gunatitanand Swami B. Paramchaitanyanand Swami
C. Nityanand Swami D. Muktanand Swami

SECTION-3: ESSAY

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

1. Swamishri's spiritual sojourns - A transformative journey for countless souls
2. The culmination of love, effort and prayers on western soil - The Mandir
3. Satsang: The key to mental equilibrium in good times and bad

