Bochasanwasi Shri Aksharpurushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha Satsang Sikshan Parixa

SATSANG PRAVESH-2

Time: 2.00 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Total Marks: 75 Sunday, 2nd March, 2008

(SECTION-1: KISHOR SATSANG PRAVESH, 4th Edition, April - 1999)

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

Note: Who is speaking 1 mark, to whom 1 mark and when 1 mark.

1. Maharaj - Khimbai (3/21)

When Vyapkanand swami sprinkled some water on the dead body of the mare & after reviving the mare he went to Zinzavadar that time Maharaj uttered this.

2. Maharaj - Satchidanand swami (21/74)

During the last moments when Shriji Maharaj was about to revent to His divine abode, Satchidanand Swami stopped the pulse & breath of his body & went away to the divine abode ahead of Shriji Maharaj.

3. Maharaj - Naniba (12/39)

On the event of the murti installation ceremony at Vartal when Shriji Maharaj Himself went to Bochasan to collect the Murtis Naniba requested Him to install the murtis in Bochasan by creating mandir in the village.

- Q.2 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (Total Marks: 4)
 - The queen of Udaipur left her kingdom came to Gadhpur for the sake of offering devotion to God. Jeevuba did not know her. So she assigned her the work of collecting cow dung & cleaning the cow pens, etc. when Maharaj saw this He said ... (17/ 64-65)
 - As Ushasti Rishi did not get food for many days he went to a Mahavat & asked for some food. The Mahavat gave him the polluted food out of his dish which Ushasti ate, There after the Mahavat offered him water of which he had drunk some to which Ushasti said "No, I can stay alive with the black lentils for now. I shall not drink your polluted water." (1/15)
- Q.3 From the following sentences choose <u>SEVEN</u> correct sentences. (Write the sentence <u>numbers</u> only) (Total Marks: 7)
 - Note: Give full marks if the numbers are not in order but numbers should be written.

Topic: Devjibhakta of Nenpur (9/28-29)

Sentences No: 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 12

Q.4 Answer <u>ALL</u> of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (Total Marks: 5)

Note : No marks to be given for incomplete answer.

- 1. We should prostrate before God for the sixth time & pray for forgiveness for having knowingly or unknowingly, offended a devotee by thought, word or deed. (1/6)
- 2. The Murtis at Bochasan was installed in samvat 1963, Vaishakh sud 10. (16/62)
- 3. Shastriji Maharaj always insisted to been told fasts without talking even water on Shri Harijayanti, Janmashtmi, Devpodhi Ekadashi, Prabodhini Ekadashi, and Jaljilani Ekadashi. (16/51)
- 4. Sagram thought "How pleasant it would be if Maharaj comes to my hut." Maharaj fulfilled his wish too. (2/18)
- 5. The temple at Sarangpur is like Akshardham. (6/24)

Q.5 Complete the following Swamini Vato and narrate it. (Total Marks: 6)

Note: Two marks for writing Swami-ni-Vato fully and Four marks for explanation.

1. "Such a sadhu is worth more than ten million rupees if he is to be so evaluated. His talks are priceless, even if one pays a crore rupees. Similarly the human body is also priceless. Not even ten million rupees can get such a body. The soul also has undergone numerous cycles of birth and death but such a happy coexistence with a sadhu was not available so far, otherwise why should one have to be reborn? (24/81-82)

It is very difficult to get the company of a sadhu possessing the attributes of dharma, jnan, vairagya and bhakti. His enlightened talk dispels the darkness of maya. Human birth is a rare achievement, available only after moving in the cycle of births and deaths.

A blind man committed a crime. What punishment could be given to the blind man? The king told him, "In the fort here, which is 24 miles in circumference, this man has to move. There is only one gate and if the blind man can find the gate and pass through, he is released."

The blind man started walking, touching the wall of the fort. As the gate was about to come he felt an itching sensation. Meanwhile he bypassed the gate and once again he had to walk the distance of 24 miles.

We have moved through various cycles. It is a great fortune that after getting so rare a human body we have been able to come in contact with such a sadhu. We must try to realise him and eradicate our ignorance with his discourses.

OR Vachanamrit Gadhada Sec. - 1 No. 6 (19/68)

"Discriminating - Non-discriminating

But spiritually, the Faculty of discrimination should be applied otherwise. Shriji Maharaj in these chapters explains that a man with innumerable vices not looking at his own, will blow up trifle faults of others to the magnitude of mountains. Surdas says, "Mo Sum Kun Katil Khal Kami". He always used to see his own vices.

To eradicate the non-judicity encamped in him, God or His sadhu may reprimand or scold him and instead of pointing out their vices, he should understand those words for his benefit. Thus ridding himself of all egoism and with full faith in the words of the sadhus, he eradicates the non-judicity and acquires greatness in Satsang.

Q.6 Complete the following. (Total Marks: 8)

Note: No marks for incomplete kirtans/verses

- Hinsa Na Karani Jantuki, Paratriyasangako Tyag, Mas na Khavat Madyaku, Pivat Nahi Bad bagya.
 Vidhavaku Sparshat Nahi, Karat Na Atmaghat, Chori Na Karni Kahuki, Kalank Na Koiku Lagat. (7/25)
- Prasangmajaram pasham Atmanah Kavayo Viduhu,
 Sa Ev Sadhushu Kruto Mokshadwaram Apavrutam. (22/75)
- 3. Aap Prabhu Chho Dhamna Dhami, Balavanta Bahunami Hari, Prabhu Jiva Anant na Moksha ne Arthe, Anadi Akshar Sath Lai, Prabhu(13/40)
- 4. I bow to lord Swaminarayan, who for establishing ekantik dharma, delivers inspiring sermons and who showers nectar in the form of the Vachanamrutam. (6/24)

(SECTION-2: SHASTRIJI MAHARAJ, 4th Edition. November - 1998)

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

Note: Who is speaking 1 mark, to whom 1 mark and when 1 mark.

Shastriji Maharaj - Bhagwandas (48/101)
 Bhagwandas had the darshan of Shriji Maharaj instead of Shastriji Maharaj So in the

- mandir of the discourse he got up & releted what he saw to the assembly.
- 2. Shastriji Maharaj Police Sub Inspector (23/51)
 At Baroda when the spiteful sadhus made a plot to kill Swamishri then police inspector asked the names on seeing the pieces of bricks, stones & broken glasses scattered over the place, to prepare a report of the incident.
- 3. Gunatitanand Swami Arjanbhai (33/72)
 When three armed palas (guards) set out to kill Swamishri so Gunatitanand Swami said to Arjanbhai after giving him darshan.

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

- 1. The spiteful sadhus thought "If Yagnapurushdasji can install the idols in Vadhvan while sitting in Vartal what can he not do in future? He will tilt the entire Satsang to his side & we will be left helpless. Nobody will care to consult us. So they all assembled & began to plan to vanquish Swamishri to get rid of him. (25/56)
- 2. The sadhus of the old temple told Swamishri to install the murtis in the main wing then Swamishri unhesitatingly replied "It is only for Ishtadev Akshar Purushottam we have suffered these hardships. And our lives are dedicated for them. Having heard this bold authoritative & unambiguous reply, Thakorsaheb dropped his insistence & told Swamishri "Do as you please and forget my words." (39/84)
- Q.9 Write briefly five main points (in sentences) on any <u>ONE</u> incident. (Narration not required). (Total Marks: 5)

Note: It is not necessary that the sentences are written in a similar way. If the statements cover the full incident then full marks to be given.

1. Ajatshatru : Man without an enemy (30/65)

- 1. Swamishri had to leave Vartal because he performed the function of propa gating the true upasana of Akshar Purushottam.
- 2. Swamishri prayed Harikrishna Maharaj "Do protect us and always remain with us.
- 3. Police patel Kishorebhai rushed to Swamishri & proceeded towards Him to file a complaint.
- 4. Swamishri replied We do not want to do any such complaint.
- 5. Swamishri said to all the Haribhaktas Please continue giving donations in Vadtal to Thakorji, offering rasoi & observing poonam.

2. **Eminent Orator** : (19/42)

- 1. Harilal Sheth suggested to invite Shastri Yagnapurushdasji during the recitction of Satsangijivan,
- 2. He should be honoured first whose recitation has been the most satisfactory, said Harilal Sheth strictly.
- 3. A tailor & a cobbler as his gurus is being honoured in this assembly as a very respectable person.
- 4. If you are going to discriminate against Pragji Bhakta & Jaga Bhakta merely on the ground of caste, Maharaj will not excuse you.
- 5. Swamishri declined & allowed the aged sadhu Haridas to be honoured first and himself to be honoured last.

3. Alms for Akshar - Pururshottam (45/94)

- 1. Your services are unlimited but we want to go round the city to beg alms just as Maharaj had done.
- 2. We are all here at your services. Why should you have to go around begging?
- 3. I want to take all those who offer even a grain of corn in alms to Akshardham.
- 4. What should we do to please Maharaj and Swami at present?
- 5. Maharaj would be pleased if temples are built for spreading the true upasana of Akshar

and Purushottam.

Q.10 Answer <u>ALL</u> of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (Total Marks: 6)

Note: No marks to be given for incomplete answer.

- 1. Shastriji Maharaj breathed & his last & took his seat in Akshardham on the 4th day of the bright half of Vaishakh Samvat year 2007. (59/117)
- 2. True upasana involves identification of one's self with Akshar & with that consciousness worship of Lord Purushottam. (1/1)
- 3. I have heard from the scriptures that to eat cooked food on Ekadashi is like eating meat. (3/6)
- 4. Do you have the courage to pronounce the victory call of Akshar Purushottam at the meeting in Vadtal ? (26/57)
- 5. They explained on the authority of the 27th Vachanamritam of Gadhada. (14/32)
- 6. "Have you come to take me for setting up a temple there? **OR** I have been born for building temples. (43/91)

Q.11 State whether the following statements are True or False and rewrite the False statements. (Total Marks: 6)

Note: If indicate only **X** (False) Please don't give marks. If right sentence written than marks will be given.

- 1. False **X** Ans. Shuk Swami initiated him (Dungar Bhakta) and said "This child is a very pious devotee from his past birth. (2/3)
- 2. False **X Ans.** Acharya Shri Viharilalji Maharaj initiated Dungar Bhakta & renamed him as Yagnapurushdas. (9/24)
- 3. True ✓ (22/49)
- 4. False X Ans. In the whole sampraday none can equal Shastri Yagnapurushdas either in scholarship or in saintliness. (31/69)
- 5. False **X** Ans. The first trance was experienced by Acharya Radharamanprasad when he was having darshan of the idol of Harikrishna Maharaj in the Sarangpur temple. (46/94)
- 6. False **X Ans.** Shastriji Maharaj appointed the 28 years old young saint Narayanswarupdas. (55/111)

Q.12 Fill in the blanks. (Total Marks: 6)

1. Adashri (29/64) 4. Krishna Kumar Sinhji (54/110)

2. Dhadhar (8/20) 5. Harileelamrit (40/86)

3. Bhagat (5/13) 6. Kashidas (34/75)