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Final Exam on 5th March 2006.**

BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA
SATSANG EXAMINATIONS

PRE-TEST: SATSANG PRAVIN-1

JANUARY 2006

Time: 9.00 to 12.00

Total Marks: 100

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Note:

1. On the day of the Final Satsang Examinations, all examinees should obtain the sticker with their personal details from the Exam Supervisor. Then, after applying the sticker at the appropriate place on the front page of the answer book, obtain the signature of the Exam Supervisor.
2. Answer book without signature of Exam Supervisor is **NOT VALID.**
3. Figures given on the right hand side indicate the marks for that question.
4. Follow the instructions while answering.
5. Answers should be clearly written.
6. Write your answer either with a blue or black pen. Answers written in pencil, or with a red, green or any other coloured pen will not be considered valid.

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SECTION-1: AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA

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

- 1. If one describes Him as formless, it amounts to deriding Him.

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- 2. Characteristics of the Gunatit Sadhu - based on the Vachanamrut.
- 3. True knowledge is recognising the manifest form of God.
- 4. Akshardham is distinct and above the abodes of other incarnations and deities.

Q.2. Given below are references from the scriptures, principles or stanzas. Write the topic they relate to. (5)

Example: "One who believes God as formless and abstract becomes the worst sinner, even worse than one who has committed the five grave sins."

Ans: Disadvantages of understanding God as nirakar.

- 1. The sun-god has a form in his abode. Whereas in the form of rays, he is formless.
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- 2. Brahmavid Brahmaiva bhavati.
- 3. At the time of death, only the upasana of God is of help.
- 4. I, Purushottam, beyond even Akshar, have assumed human form.
- 5. Parmeshwar, so long as He wishes allows the influence of region, kal, karma, etc. to prevail.

Q.3. From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct ones. (4)

Note: One or more 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 - The All-doer
 - (a) Vartal - 10
 - (b) Gadhada III-35
 - (c) Gadhada II-54
 - (d) Amdavad II-7
- 2. Gunatitanand Swami is Akshar, from his life and work:
 - (a) Today, the Lord of the divine abode has set out on His long pilgrimage.
 - (b) I don't know how to manipulate stories to serve my motives.
 - (c) Arrogant with their half-baked knowledge of Brahma, the scholars at Mahemdavad were humbled by him.
 - (d) I had heard on many occasions from Maharaj that 'Swami is Mul Akshar'.

Q.4. Describe any ONE of the following and bring out the significance. (4)

- 1. Nityanand Swami's unflinching faith.

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- 2. "Wherever he is, I am there and wherever I am, he is also there."
- 3. Ramanand Swami scolds Lalji Suthar.

Q.5. Write briefly on any TWO of the following. (In 12 lines each.) (8)

- 1. Becoming aksharrup and offering upasana to Purushottam with Swami-sevak bhav.
- 2. Upasana is absolutely indispensable.
- 3. Disadvantages of understanding God as nirakar.
- 4. Nothing can be more detrimental than to perceive human traits in this Sadhu.

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Q.6. Explain any TWO of the following, giving reasons. (In 12 lines each.) (8)

- 1. Shriji Maharaj is always manifest on earth through the Brahmaswarup Satpurush.
- 2. Shastriji Maharaj said that we should have love for the Dham, God - the Dharni, and the akshar muktas.

- 3. To reach the stage of brahmarup, it is imperative to have the association of Akshar.
- 4. Pay heed only to the words in the scriptures which refer to supremacy.

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Q.7. Upasana: What to understand? What not to understand? Complete the following statements. (8)

What to understand in upasana:

- 1. There are infinite muktas who have

 the final rest.
- 2. Aksharbrahma unique.
- 3. Purushottam's assimilation different from those of Aksharbrahma.
- 4. Aksharbrahma is one as a servant.
- 5. The other incarnations Purushottam Narayan.

What not to understand in Upasana:

- 1. There is no difference mukta and Purushottam.
- 2. There is no difference jivatma and Parabrahma.
- 3. Salvation can be achieved despite by minimising their importance.

Q.8. Explain Shriji Maharaj's supremacy based on the process cosmic evolution. (5)

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SECTION-2: SATSANG READER-III

& PORTRAIT OF INSPIRATION - PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ

Q.9. In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (6)

1. "The cocks and children of farmers never starve." (S.R. - III) **OR**

Who is speaking To whom

When

1. "I have not come in this world to rule." (S.R. - III)

2. "How did you know?" (POI-PSM) **OR**

2. "What you say is absolute nonsense!" (POI-PSM)

Q.10. Give reasons for the following. (In 9 lines each.) (6)

1. The Kathis said, "Vah! Parvat! Wonderful indeed!" (S.R. - III) **OR**

1. The ploughman was astonished to see the elevated state of Parvatbhai. (S.R. - III)

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2. Which subjects did Khushal Bhagat study under the guidance of a Brahmin of Nabhoi village? (S.R. - III)
3. What was the name of the parents of Mukunddas? (S.R. - III)
4. According to Pramukh Swami Maharaj, how can world peace be possible? (POI-PSM)
5. When and where did Shastriji Maharaj give parshad diksha to Shantilal? (POI-PSM)
6. What did Swamishri say to his serving sadhu, while cleaning the toilet? (POI-PSM)

Q.13. From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct ones. (6)

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

1. Raghuvirji Maharaj always pardons. (S.R. - III)
 - (a) Request Raghuvirji Maharaj, he will awaken the sadhu.
 - (b) We will not take revenge, Maharaj will do us a good turn.
 - (c) Saved the Gosai from punishment.
 - (d) Swami, if you so wish, it will rain.
2. Mukunddas made a plan to get permission to leave.
 - (a) Began to exchange children.
 - (b) Began to exchange cots.
 - (c) Began to indiscriminately distribute the food provisions and the mandir property.
 - (d) Ram katakat mahudu bhagy.
3. Important years in Pramukh Swami Maharaj's life. (POI-PSM)
 - (a) 1921
 - (b) 1930
 - (c) 1950
 - (d) 1940

SECTION-3: ESSAY

Q.14 Write an essay on any ONE. (In approx 60 lines.) (20)

1. Muktanand Swami - the first poet of Bhagwan Swaminarayan.
2. Nilkanth - ideal for the youths.
3. A unique wonder of the world - Swaminarayan Akshardham, Delhi

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