



(Note: Figures on the right side of the question indicate the page number of the answer.)

Section 1: Akshar Purushottam Upasana - 2nd Edition, July 1996

- Q.1 For any Two of the following, give three references from the scriptures. (6 Marks)**
1. Importance of Upasana. 4
  2. Parabrahman Purushottam Narayan – one and unique. 53
  3. The relationship between Akshar and Purushottam. 123
  4. Glory of the Gunatit Sadhu: In the words of Shriji Maharaj. 98
- Q.2 Given below are references from the scriptures, principles or stanzas. Write the topic they relate to. (5 Marks)**
1. "God is never paroksh to the devotees who are endowed with genuine knowledge." 89
  2. "For how can one talk when one's own actions belie the words. And even if someone else does talk, there would be no impact." 147
  3. "Millions of macrocosms are evolved, sustained and destroyed only by my power." 10
  4. "Understanding God to be nirdosh – free from faults – a devotee himself becomes nirdosh." 29
  5. "God as formless, lustrous and immanent." 18
- Q.3 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct ones. (4 Marks)**
- 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. Supreme Shriji Maharaj 40
    - (1)  There also, I am Purushottam.
    - (2)  The highest transcendental entity was none other than me.
    - (3)  I am only asking the devotees to sing the praises of our guru Ramanand Swami.
    - (4)  Has come to break the bondage of maya.
  2. The correct sequence of cosmic evolution. 51
    - (1)  Brahma - Marichyadik Prajapati - Kashyap Prajapati
    - (2)  Parabrahman - Aksharbrahman - Akshar-Purush and Mahamaya
    - (3)  Pradhan-Purush - Virat-Purush - Deities of Manas & Indriyas
    - (4)  Deities such as Indra, etc. - Moveable and Immoveable creation - Demons
- Q.4 Describe any ONE of the following and highlight the significance. (4 Marks)**
1. Aksharbrahman is more powerful than muktas. 144
  2. Malji Soni identifies Gunatitanand Swami as Akshardham. 142
  3. Unflinching faith of paramhansas in Maharaj's form. 62
- Q.5 Write briefly on any TWO of the following. (In 12 lines each.) (8 Marks)**
1. Glory of the Gunatit Sadhu: In the poems of the paramhansas. 102
  2. God with form, as well as immanent. 20
  3. Common qualities of Akshar and Purushottam. 126
  4. Pragat Bhakti: The only Pathway to Peace. 80
- Q.6 Explain any TWO of the following, giving reasons. (In 12 lines each.) (8 Marks)**
1. When one understands the form of God using the four systems of philosophy (Samkhya, Yoga, Vedanta and Pancharatra) then one attains the complete knowledge of God. 19
  2. If a devotees has firm faith that God is the all-doer then there is no place for doubt. 12
  3. Shitaldas became Vyapakanand Swami. 54
  4. Aksharbrahman has a prominent place in the Swaminarayan upasana. 109
- Q.7 Upasana: What to understand? What not to understand? Complete the following statements. (7 Marks)**
- (What to understand in upasana?) (158 - 160)**
1. Served by millions ..... become amayik and nirgun. 158
  2. Aksharbrahman is the ..... Purushottam Narayan. 159
  3. Aksharbrahman is one ..... servant. 158
  4. There are infinite muktas ..... the final rest. 159
- (What not to understand in Upasana?) (160-161)**
1. The atman ..... like Aksharbrahman. 160
  2. There is no ..... Aksharbrahman. 160
  3. There is no ..... Parabrahman. 160

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Pariksha Dept, (Dt: 15 June 2008. Exam: Satsang Pravin 1. Medium: English. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

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**Q.8 Write detailed notes:** (5 Marks)  
How many avatars are there? Are they all identical? Or is there a difference between them? 68

**Section 2: Satsang Reader III, 3rd Edition, June 1993 &  
Portrait of Inspiration - Pramukh Swami Maharaj, 2nd Edition, February 2007**

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

1. "I have gulped the nectar down my throat which I won't vomit." (S.R.-III) **OR** 74
2. "Telling and listening to the story, the whole thing has no efficacy." (S.R.III) 56
3. "What if I transform you so that no one would recognize you." (S.R.III) **OR** 39
4. "I want to see him." (P.I.) 23
5. "Live a pure life free from addictions." (P.I.) **OR** 5
6. "What has your organization done in the streets and bylanes of the city to solve this issue?" (P.I.) 37

**Q.10 Give reasons for the following. (In 9 lines each.)** (8 Marks)

1. In the assembly Raghuvirji Maharaj said, "As long as this session lasts, Gunatitanand Swami will deliver discourses." (S.R.III) **OR** 51
2. Shriji Maharaj sent Muktanand Swami to Dharampur. (S.R.III) 58
3. Dalubhai danced with joy. (P.I.) **OR** 13
4. Sadhujvan Swami reflected upon Swamishri's profound love and empathy for him. (P.I.) 20

**Q.11 Answer the following concisely. (12 lines each.)** (8 Marks)

1. Parvatbhai's affection for devotees. (S.R. III) **OR** 65
2. Gopalanand Swami at the Vishnuyag in Vadodara. (S.R. III) 5
3. Who is the real attendant? (P.I.) **OR** 1
4. Was it a curse or an opportunity to experience a priceless moment of divine happiness. (P.I.) 30

**Q.12 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer.** (5 Marks)

1. What did Muktanand Swami prove in the royal assembly of Jamnagar? (S.R.III) 24
2. What did the Brahmins request the ruler of Idar? (S.R.III) 3
3. What did Lalji Bhakta take along with him on his pilgrimage? (P.I.) 37
4. What is Pramukh Swami the president of? (P.I.) xi
5. What is Pramukh Swami Maharaj's prediction for the future? (P.I.) 38

**Q.13 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct ones.** (8 Marks)

**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. Shivalal Sheth's spirituality. (S.R.III ) 79  
(1)  When I look at your jiva, satsang is no longer predominant.  
(2)  Who is chewing bone in this assembly.  
(3)  He was not affected even a bit.  
(4)  Maharaj used to remain present during his puja.
2. Parvatbhai's meditation (S.R.III ) 68  
(1)  Mentally offered lunch of curd and rotlas. (2)  Maharaj fulfilled my wish.  
(3)  I have taken a vow. (4)  I can take (eat) only after my choicest deity has eaten.
3. Bhagwan Swaminarayan's lineage of Gunatit Sadhus. (P.I.) x  
(1)  Pragji Bhakta. (2)  Gopalanand Swami. (3)  Shastriji Maharaj. (4)  Tulsidas.
4. Which of the following incidents show Pramukh Swami Maharaj's nirlobhi nature. (P.I.) 6,15, 22  
(1)  Pramukh Swami Maharaj cleaned dirty toilets in Sarangpur.  
(2)  Meeting with Carlos Vega.  
(3)  The astonished officials of Dar-es-Salaam airport.  
(4)  Pramukh Swami Maharaj protected the thief from a beating.

**Section 3: ESSAY**

**Q.14 Write an essay on any ONE. (In approx 60 lines.)** (15 Marks )

1. Necessity and importance of Guru. 2. Mandir: centre for knowledge and upasana.
3. Auspicious Shri Hari.

**Note: One essay from above essays and a few questions from the questions given above will be asked in the Final Examination to be held on Sunday, 13 July 2008.**

