

**SECTION 1: NILKANTH CHARITRA - 6th Edition, Jan. 2007**

- Q.1 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9)**
- "Is there any place in your village for Jogis and Jatis to stay?" (43)
 - "I have been waiting for Him to come for a long time." (114)
 - "Though a mere child, he attempts to embrace the universe." (69)
- Q.2 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (6)**
- The people of Budhej village were all convinced that he was God himself. (78)
 - In winter the murti of Bhagwan Badrinath is brought down and installed in Joshimath. (14)
 - Lalji Suthar enthusiastically left for Lojpur. (111)
- Q.3 Write short notes on "At the palace of King Mahadatt." (29) (In 15 lines.) (5)**
- Q.4 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (5)**
- Why did the girls of Loj village step back in fear? (105)
 - Who came to Nilkanth Varni at a valley between Dhavalgiri and Shyamgiri mountains? (24)
 - How did Nilkanth Varni explain to King Ranbahadur to bear the pain of disease? (34)
 - Why is Naimisharanya considered sacred? (7)
 - What did the king and people of Puri do in the Rathayatra festival? (52)
- Q.5 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.**
- Which sacred foot marks did Bhawandas notice on the sole of Nilkanth Varni's left foot? (64)
(1) Jambu (2) Kalash (3) Meen (4) Ketu
 - Which of the following devtas met Nilkanth Varni during his pilgrimage? (1, 26, 88)
(1) Suryanarayan - The Sun God (2) Hanumanji (3) Indra (4) Shivji
- Q.6 Fill in the blanks. (4)**
- Nilkanth Varni told Muktanand Swami, "This window in the wall will one day definitely cause a breach in the" (101)
 - Mohandas was attracted by the (28)
 - broke off the engagement to the son of Mukunddev. (57)
 - The yogis daily different varieties of food from the and served Nilkanth Varni. (23)

SECTION 2: SATSANG READER 1 - 5th Edition, May 2008

- Q.7 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9)**
- "It is not wise to offer bhakti with stubbornness for neither such bhakti nor such love last long." (31)
 - "He is a man of miracles and he has a radiant appearance. He surely looks as if he could be God." (40)
 - "I have a dilemma that you have to solve." (2)
- Q.8 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (4)**
- Kashiyabhai was amazed at Jobanpagi's transformation. (45)
 - Shastriji Maharaj hugged Ashabhai. (69)
- Q.9 Write short notes on "Jinabhai's spiritual life." (34) (In 15 lines.) (5)**
- Q.10 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (4)**
- Why did Jhinabhai not make any recommendations to Shriji Maharaj for his son, Hathisinh? (35)
 - What did God gave to Laluba? (1)
 - To whom did Shriji Maharaj praise about Dabhan? (25)
 - What kind of request did Jivuba make with her mother-in-law Raiba? (48)

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(2)

Q.11 Select the six correct sentences from below and write them in the correct story sequence in the boxes.

(6)

Topic: Sadguru Devanand Swami (15)

1. Shriji Maharaj showed him sixteen divine signs on his feet. 2. After listening to Devanand Swami's verses, Dalpatram, a famous Indian poet, became his student 3. Shriji Maharaj sat on the yoke of a bullock cart, ate Thuli, and drank a bowl of milk. 4. On Magsar Vad 5, Samvat 1925 he passed away in Vartal. 5. Shriji Maharaj gave him sanyasi diksha and named him Dandi Devanand. 6. Devanand Swami became one of the eight famous poet saints, which among others included Premanand Swami, Brahmanand Swami, and Muktanand Swami. 7. He was born in Khan, a village in Shirohi region. 8. Pleased with Devidan's devotion Shivji gave him darshan and granted him a boon. 9. He learned music and pingal (the science of poetry) from Brahmanand Swami. 10. Pleased by his kirtan compositions, Shriji Maharaj praised him in "Vachnamrut Loya-5". 11. After Brahmanand Swami went to Akshardham, Devanand Swami succeeded him as mahant of Muli mandir. 12. After his studies were complete he stayed in Bhuj and wrote scriptures.

Write the correct

sentence numbers **3 marks will be awarded only if all the sentence numbers are correct and 3 marks will be awarded only if all the sequence is correct. Otherwise no marks will be given.**

Correct sequence

of sentences

Q.12 Rewrite the incorrect sentences below in relation to the sentence heading.

(4)

Note: Marks will be awarded only if a sentence is written completely correctly. Otherwise no marks will be awarded.

1. **Sadguru Brahmanand Swami:** On his way to Khan, his native place, Ladudanji stopped in the town of Nagadka and learned Sanskrit and music from the renowned Pandit Shankracharya. (1)
2. **Sadguru Devanand Swami:** On the tenth day of the bright half of Ashadh, 1810 A.D., Devanand Swami told Mochi Bhakta, "I shall be going away to dham (to God's abode) tomorrow. So prepare the chariot for me. (19)
3. **Swami Nirgundasji:** Jethabhai went for Bhagatji Maharaj's darshan for the first time in December 1895. Maganbhai, the son of Mahashankarbai Dave of Baroda, was with him. (53)
4. **Sadguru Shukanand Swami:** Shriji Maharaj has praised Shukmuni in Harililamrut Panchala-7, saying, " This Shukmuni is a very great sadhu..... Thus, he is like Swaroopanand Swami." (21)

SECTION 3: ESSAY

Q.13 Write an essay on any ONE of the following. (In approximately 30 lines.)

(10)

1. Modern management, spirituality and Shastriji Maharaj.
2. Divine face of Bhagwan Swaminarayan.
3. You are a true Vaishnav, if one becomes a Vaishnav by being in your company.

Note: A few of the questions in this Pre-Test Paper will be asked in the Final Examination to be held on Sunday, 5th July 2009. Use the latest editions of the exam books.

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