402/325 BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA SATSANG EXAMINATIONS (PRE-TEST: 12 JUNE 2011) BAP SATSANG PRAVESH 2 TIME: 2:00 TO 4:15 P.M. (TOTAL MARKS: 75) (Note: Figures after the question indicate the page number of the answer.) SECTION 1: KISHORE SATSANG PRAVESH - 5th Edition, December 2009 Q.1 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9) 1. "You have horses and cattle for farming." (44) 2. "Standing there in a corner humbly holding the barber's bag under his armpit." (79) 3. "Swaminarayan inspired us to live a pure life by giving us spiritual vows." (16) Q.2 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (6) 1. By attainding samaiyas, our minds are purified. (47) 2. The brilliant lustre of the knowledge of Brahman shone on Satyakam Jabali's face. (33) 3. Dajibhai's family put fetters on his legs and locked him in a room. (73) Q.3 Write short notes on 'Ratnakar and the Four Brothers' (27) (In 15 lines.) (5) Q.4 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (5) 1. From whose harassment did Zamkuba wish to escape? (64) 2. What did the prince give in exchange for wisdom? (80) 3. Which mantra did Maharaj tell Shitaldas to chant? (17) 4. Where did Atmanand Swami have darshan of Shriji Maharaj? (34) 5. Which four leading scholarly paramhansas compiled the Vachnamrut? (69) Q.5 "Jevo hu satsange" (86) - Complete the Swamini Vato and narrate it. (5) (8) Q.6 Complete the following. 1. Tumaro tav rakhio pas. (24) 2. Ram-Krishna Govind, Swaminarayan hare. (21) 3. Purushottam Sahajanandji. (41) 4. Translate the shlok: Anant-koti namami. (22) SECTION 2: SHASTRIJI MAHARAJ - 5th Edition, February 2009 Q.7 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9) 1. "Give me the names of those who have troubled you. I will send them to the jail in Nadiad." (61) 2. "Even if he does darshan of this gateway from a distance, Maharaj and Swami will themeselves come to take him to Dham." (102) 3. "Go into samadhi and put in a request to Shriji Maharaj." (95) Q.8 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (6) 1. His parents covered Dungar and quietly laid him in the neighbour's house. (4) 2. Jaga Bhakta was surprised to see Yagnapurushdasji in his room. (40) 3. Swamishri decided to go to Atladra for the festival of Janmashtmi. (109) Q.9 Write short notes on any ONE of the following. (In 15 lines.) (5) 1. A Command to Liberate Jivas (43) 2. Like a Favourite Son (28) 3. The Splendour of Sarangpur (73) Q.10 Answer <u>ALL</u> of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (5) 1. Which words about Shastriji Maharaj proved true on his eighty-fifth birthday celebration? (104) 2. Where did Swami receive the telegram which was dispatched from Vadhwan? (52) 3. Who in Dabhoi disliked Bhagatji Maharaj? (32) 4. Who had come up with the idea to celebrate Shastriji Maharaj's 80th birthday, and where was it celebrated? (98) 5. When (Samvat) and under whom did Dungar Bhakta begin studying? (9) [P.T.O.] ---*---Please note that I have been present personally in the Pre-Test "Satsang Pravesh 2" Exam organized by the Satsang Shikshan Pariksha Karyalay, Ahmedabad. Please note that the following details filled are true. Date Month Year Birthdate of Examinee:

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Q.11 From the given options, place a tick (\checkmark) in the box next to the correct ones.

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. The Murti-Pratishtha of Sarangpur Mandir (82)
 - (1) Even though the entire village ate shiro for eight days it did not run out.
 - (2) Gunatitanand Swami's murti could not be lifted.
 - (3) The mandir was completed within two-and-a-half years.
 - (4) It began raining two days before the pratishtha.
- 2. Rangacharya's exclamations: (36-37)
 - (1) Yagnapurushdasji is like a Thakario scorpion."
 - (2) Come here, you've made me wait so much."
 - (3) Only the virtues of the virtuous are revered, not their gender or age."
 - (4) Sampradaye ekameva."
- 3. Which mandirs did Shastriji Maharaj consecrate himself? (99, 68)
 - (1) Atladara (2) Bhadra (3) Vadhwan (4) Bochasan

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

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

- **Example: A Broom for Inner Cleansing:** Kothari advised him to discourse in Rajkot for three reasons: he can study the Purans, remain close to Gondal and keep in touch with Adashri, who had been greatly blessed by Gopalanand Swami.
- Ans. A Broom for Inner Cleansing: <u>Bhagatji</u> advised him to <u>study</u> in Rajkot for <u>two</u> reasons: firstly, he would be able to study <u>Sanskrit</u>, and secondly, <u>Jaga Bhakta</u>, who had received tremendous blessings from <u>Gunatitanand Swami</u>, would be nearby in <u>Junagadh</u>.
- 1. **Divine Samadhi:** During the Dandi March Ghandhiji met Swamishri at Junagadh. Swamishri said, "From today, for the independence of our country, Pramukh Swami will do mala." (90)
- The Murti-Pratishtha of Akshar-Purushottam in Vadhwan: On delivery of the message of the Vadhwan pratishtha, Bhimjibhai Kothari sat quietly, defeated and demoralized. Finally, he spoke, "Whatever Swami does, is meant to be." (52)
- 3. **Unbreakable Faith:** One huge stone weighing four thousand kilograms was being lifted up in the middle of the mandir. When six out of the seven ropes snapped, Shastriji Maharaj told Shankar Bhagat to climb the stone and re-tie all of the broken ropes. (83)
- 4. **Bond of Love Between Guru and Disciple:** When several devotees were going for Bhagatji's darshan, Yagnapurushdasji sent a mala and a garland of roses that had been offered to Harikrishna Maharaj as gifts for Bhagatji. (30)
- 5. **The Protective Shield of Gunatit:** In Nana Gokharwala, Gunatitanand Swami gave darshan to Karshanbhai and said, "I am going to protect my devotee." (68)
- 6. Akshar Mandir: The King of Gondal decided to sell the land only if certain conditions were met. He stated, "The Akshar Deri must remain intact on this land, the mandir that is built over the land should be finished in five years, and at least 2.5 million rupees must be spent on the project." (92)

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Note: A few of the questions in this Pre-Test Paper will be asked in the Final Examination to be held on Sunday, 10 July 2011. Use the latest editions of the exam books. In the Final Examination answers written on extra pages will not be considered valid.