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(TOTAL MARKS: 100)

SECTION 1: AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA - 3rd Edition, May 2012

Q.1 For any TWO of the following, give three references from the scriptures. (6)
(It is compulsory to write the reference scripture and number.)

1. Necessity of knowing God as the all-doer. (7)
2. It is essential to accept God and sadhu as divine. (24-27)
3. Importance of Upasana. (2-3)
4. Disadvantages of perceiving manushyabhav in God. (27-31)

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

Example: "Maru dham chhe re, Akshar Amrut jenu nam; Tema hu rahu re, dvibhuj divya sada sakar."
Ans: God as sakar in Akshardham and on earth.

1. "By pleasing swami, rest assured, that you are pleasing Maharaj." (160)
2. "Dham Dhami ja sathe padharya, Swami ne Maharaj, ekantik dharma sthapva bani, alaukik jodi aj re." (139)
3. "Without knowing Maharaj as Purushottam, it is not possible to go to Akshardham." (34)
4. "Bandh kidha bija barana re, vaheti kidhi Aksharvat Purushottam pragati re." (75)
5. "The form of God that is in Akshardham and the one which you see are identical." (151)

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

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

1. Which saint propounded Gunatitanand Swami as Akshar? (148, 152, 156)
 - (1) Gopalanand Swami.
 - (2) Nrusinhanand Swami.
 - (3) Keshavjivandasji Swami.
 - (4) Vignananand Swami.
2. What is upasana? (3)
 - (1) Time is the all-doer.
 - (2) He always has a divine form.
 - (3) He is supreme and transcends all.
 - (4) He is sometimes present in human form.

Q.4 Describe any ONE of the following and highlight its significance. (4)

1. Atmanand Swami realizes true knowledge of upasana and Maharaj's supremacy. (63-64)
2. Meditate on the roof tiles of Dada Khachar's house. (84)
3. I dwell totally in you. (95)

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

1. Aksharbrahman: one and unique. (130-131)
2. True knowledge is recognizing the pragat form of God. (78-79)
3. Explain: Cosmic evolution. (49-53)
4. Gunatitanand Swami's unique glory: As described by Shriji Maharaj. (144-147)

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

1. Shitaldas was able to assume countless forms. (55)
2. Shriji Maharaj sadly said, "Truly, you are simpletons like doves." (60)
3. Shastriji Maharaj consecrated the murtis of avatars in Akshar-Purushottam mandirs. (73)
4. God is never paroksh to the devotees who are endowed with genuine knowledge. (93)

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

(What to understand in upasana?) (168 - 173)

1. In the personal attendant ideal for the akshar muktas. (170-171)
2. Akshar-Purushottam upasana parabrahman. (173)
3. Like the jivas these ishvars different from each other. (172)
4. Parabrahman is cause of all creation. (169)

(What not to understand in Upasana?) (174-175)

5. It is possible Gunatit Sadhu. (174-175)
6. Only Purushottam Aksharbrahman. (174)
7. Moksha can importance. (175)

Q.8 Write a short notes on: Characteristics of the Gunatit Sadhu. (99-103) (5)

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**SECTION 2: SATSANG READER PART 3, 4th Edition, April 2009 &
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)

1. "You have imposed a ban on the Sadhus visiting the villages." (75) **OR**
2. "I have done nothing wrong." (79)
3. "I shall have to go away from here." (21) **OR**
4. "Please come to my village." (11)
5. "I will write to Kothari Swami." (2) **OR**
6. "Don't have your bath now." (7)

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

1. Acharya Raghuvirji Maharaj himself cooked a loaf. (52) **OR**
2. Nishkulanand Swami did not go to address the assembly of females. (44)
3. The restoration of peace in the hearts of the people of Odarka and Kukad. (32-33) **OR**
4. The Satpurush has no language barriers. (8)

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

1. Kushalkunvarba's feelings towards sadhus. (65) **OR**
2. Gopalanand Swami's detachment and renunciation. (9-10)
3. Great souls wedded to the virtue of non-taste. (26) **OR**
4. Such a home as this is a holy place. (14)

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

1. Which old devotees did Shivilal Sheth take care of? (82)
2. Write the name of Lalji Bhakta's wife and his children. (39)
3. Who did the King of Idar ask for forgiveness? (3)
4. How can world peace be possible? (41)
5. What is the life-blood of Swamishri? (18)

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

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1. Which scriptures were written by Nishkulanand Swami? (47)
(1) Sati Gita (2) Bhaktachintamani (3) Yamdand (4) Brahma Sutra Bhashya
2. Which kirtans were written by Muktanand Swami? (25, 27)
(1) Chhandike Shri Krishnadev.... (2) Bhramana bhangi re haiyani....
(3) Dhanya ajni ghadi.... (4) Sant samagam kije....
3. Raghuvirji Maharaj (57)
(1) "In the whole of Vartal, only Raghuvirji Maharaj recognized me properly."
(2) He was the son of Rampratapbhai.
(3) His style of renunciation resembled that of Maharaj.
(4) He consecrated the murti of Harikrishna Maharaj in Vartal.
4. Swamishri's Forgiveness (22, 9)
(1) Dar-es-Salaam airport (2) Trichinapalli (3) London (4) Los Angeles

SECTION 3: ESSAY

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

1. Pramukh Swami Maharaj: Sculptor of Youth Character (Swaminarayan Prakash, September 2012)
2. Necessity of Discipline in Education (Swaminarayan Prakash, October 2012)
3. Pioneers of the Future: B.A.P.S. Youths (Swaminarayan Prakash, February-March 2013)

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