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(TOTAL MARKS: 100)

SECTION 1: AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Cosmic Evolution. (49)
2. Characteristics of the Gunatit Saint: On the basis of the Vachanamrut. (101-103)
3. Liking for Sakar. (9-11)
4. Aksharbrahman: As the divine abode. (127-128)

**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. "Brahman is not subject to change and is indivisible. Thus it does not undergo change nor can it be divided." (125)
2. "If the extremely great Purush becomes pleased upon a person, then regardless of how unfavourable the person's samskars may be, they are all destroyed." (105)
3. "Akshardham (evo je Aksharrup Dham) is the greatest of the great." (131)
4. "A sadhu in whom God fully resides is the manifest Pratyaksh form of God." (77)
5. "Maha moto pratap pragatavi re, Rit nautam nyari chalavi re." (57)

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

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1. Shriji Maharaj: The Supreme - In the words of the paramhansas. (45)
  - (1)  Adya madhya antye avatar, thaya aganit thashe apar.
  - (2)  Jeh dhamne pamine prani, pachhu padvanu nathi re.
  - (3)  Aise mere jan ekantik, tehi sam aur na koi.
  - (4)  Divya chaitanya Akshar jenu ghar chhe jo, Kshar Akshar thaki e to par chhe jo.
2. Liberation through the pragat Form of God or His Sadhu. (84)
  - (1)  Only God and his holy Sadhu can grant moksha.
  - (2)  Pragat Prabhu ke Prabhuna Sant re, teh vina na uddhare jant re.
  - (3)  Kalpataru sarvana sankalp satya kare, pase jai pritashu seve jyare.
  - (4)  "God is pragat and these talks are pragat. The rest are like the sun painted on a piece of paper."

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

1. Only He can change what I have said. (155)
2. Parvatbhai had the darshan of all the 24 incarnations. (55)
3. That Sadhu enjoys the taste of my murti. (145)

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

1. Gunatitanand Swami is Mul-Akshar: How? (137-138)
2. Divyabhav - Divine attributes. (21-23)
3. Disadvantages of perceiving Manushyabhav in God. (27-29)
4. Gunatitanand Swami is Akshar: As revealed in "Swamini Vato". (150-151)

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

1. Shriji Maharaj's manifestation on earth was for a higher mission than the other incarnations. (40-41)
2. Purushottam Narayan is murtiman - has a form - and yet is also Vyapak - all pervasive. (17-19)
3. Akshar and Purushottam have a special relationship as Sevak-Swami. (131-133)
4. It is, however, of paramount importance for all followers of the sampradaya to understand Shriji Maharaj as sarvopari the supreme and highest, and the ultimate avtari of all avatars - the cause of all incarnations. (33)

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

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

1. The meaning of the Swaminarayan ..... Parabrahman Purushottam Narayan. (173)
2. Ishwar is an eternal ..... the task of creation, etc. of the brahmands. (171-172)
3. The Chaitanyas of each of these avatars ..... separate from each other. (170)
4. In the form of Dham (Akshardham) ..... are able to enter it. (170-171)

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

5. Only Aksharbrahman exists ..... live only through him. (174)
6. Articles such as foot wear ..... to Mul Aksharbrahman. (174)
7. Aksharbrahman the personal ..... only a divine light. (174)

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**Q.8 Write a short notes on: How is God sakar? (15-17) (5)**

**SECTION 2: SATSANG READER PART 3, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, April 2009 &  
PORTRAIT OF INSPIRATION - PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, February 2007**

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

1. "How dare you give such food to the ailing sadhu?" (30) **OR**
2. "I advise even you not to attach yourself with the State otherwise you'll have to take another birth." (66)
3. "We are facing two famines." (75) **OR**
4. "God has given you hands and feet, so why not use them to work honestly." (23)
5. "You have resolved it with an open and compassionate heart." (33) **OR**
6. "Since there is a famine in Gujarat, I'm praying for rains." (36)

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

1. At Agatrai Maharaj censured the Kathi Darbars. (70) **OR**
2. Ardesharji realized the glory of Raghuvirji Maharaj. (53)
3. Swamishri embraced Dallubhai. (14) **OR** 4. The inferiority complex of the Harijan youths was dissolved. (5)

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

1. Humility of Shivilal Sheth. (82) **OR** 2. Mukunddas a strict observer of brahmacharya. (19)
3. To fulfil a devotee's wish. (24-25) **OR** 4. Who is the real attendant? (1)

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

1. Who composed the text titled "Yamadanda"? (43)
2. Where would the pilgrims often stop to rest on their way to Gadhada? (6)
3. What did Maharaj order Lalji Bhakta to bring to cross the river? (39)
4. Why did Swamishri go to Mahavir General Hospital in Surat? (21)
5. When and where was Pramukh Swami's Suvarna Tula celebration held? (9)

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

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1. Raghuvirji Maharaj in Gunatitanand Swami's company in Junagadh. (56)
  - (1)  Attended the holy story session after mangala arti.
  - (2)  Quickly cook khichdi or chapatti and dal and then return to the session once again.
  - (3)  He would rest after lunch.
  - (4)  Swami melted away his complexes and made him gunatit.
2. Kushalkunvarba's love for Maharaj's sadhus. (65)
  - (1)  Ordered dry fruits and sweets of high quality from far-off lands.
  - (2)  Cooked food herself for the sadhus.
  - (3)  Requested Maharaj to tell the sadhus not to add water in their bowls.
  - (4)  Arranged for cartloads of sugarcane and chunks of fresh jaggery.
3. Religious leaders who have been touched by Swamishri's personality. (xv)
  - (1)  The Dalai Lama
  - (2)  Jagjitsinghji
  - (3)  The Archbishop of Canterbury
  - (4)  Pope John Paul II
4. Which parliaments have honoured Swamishri? (xv)
  - (1) Indian
  - (2)  American
  - (3)  British
  - (4)  Canadian

**SECTION 3: ESSAY**

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

1. Literary Gem: Shri Ullasram Pandya (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), September 2013, pp. 6-11)
2. Pinnacle of Saintliness: Pramukh Swami Maharaj (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), Nov. 2013, pp. 4-9)
3. Unique Commitment to Spreading Upasana: Shastriji Maharaj (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), Feb. 2014, pp. 22-24, 18)

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