BOCHASANWASI SHREE AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM
SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA
SATSANG EXAMINATIONS
BAL SATSANG - ONE

Date: 9th JULY 2000    Time: 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.    Total Marks: 100

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Q.1 Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct answer from the words given in the brackets. [10]

1. Ghanshyam especially liked the __________ mandir in Ayodhya. (Swaminarayan, Rama, Radha-krishna)
2. Rama Navmi is on __________. (Chaitra vad Nom, Chaitra sud Nom, Jeth sud Nom)
3. Maharaj was cremated in ________ (Gadhada, Vadtal, Chhapaiya)
4. Muktanand Swami named Neelkanth as __________. (Sahajanand, Saryudas, Narayanmuni)
5. The devotees of Junagadh asked Maharaj to sit on a decorated __________ during the procession. (elephant, horse, camel).
6. The Shikshapatri was written by ______________. (Sahjanand Swami, Shukanand Swami, Muktanand Swami)
7. Magniram was a Brahmin from the area of __________. (Marvad, Bharat, Dravid)
8. Kartik sud Ekadashi Samvat year ________ was the date when Ramanand Swami initiated Neelkanth Varni. (1857, 1957, 1757)
9. __________ met his own death when he tried to kill Ghanshyam. (Kalidatta, Kashidatta, Kamidatta)
10. ______________ used to teach Ghanshyam. (Dharmadev, Markandey, Rampratapbhai)

Q.2 In the sentences below, tick (√) those which are correct and cross (×) those which are false. [10]

1. Ramanand Swami’s ashram was in Piplana. ......................
2. Maharaj served and fed the low castes Himself. ......................
3. Eating onions can spoil our mind. ......................
4. If you want to become good then you should not watch films. ......................
5. "Wherever there is superstition you will never
find God. And wherever there is God you will never find superstition!”

6. Gunatitanand Swami is Mul Akshar Brahman. The Supreme God is Shriji Maharaj.

7. Maharaj transformed a donkey into a horse.

8. To sit with God in His divine heaven should be our true goal.

9. Golok is Maharaj’s abode.

10. Maharaj Himself would carry a stone on His head all the way to the mandir every morning and evening.

Q.3 Answer the following in one sentence. [10]

1. To whom did Ramanand Swami say, “I have been waiting years and years for this Neelkanth Varni?”

2. Why did the bawas call Ghanshyam by the name of Neelkanth Varni?

3. What did the Mahant say to Neelkanth Varni as he bowed down?

4. When Neelkanth cursed His own words, what did He say?

5. How did Dharmadev test Ghanshyam?

6. At what age did Ghanshyam win the debate?

7. What did Ghanshyam have with Him when He left home?
8. How old was Sahajanand Swami during the Pattabhishek Ceremony?
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9. What did Maharaj say to the sadhus who were covered with mud?
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10. Who does Shriji Maharaj work through today?
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**Q.4 Answer any FIVE of the following, and state who is speaking to whom.** [10]

1. “Maharaj, you are my Lord and I am your servant.”
   Who is speaking .............................. To whom ..................................

2. “There is not much ghee in the jar.”
   Who is speaking .............................. To whom ..................................

3. “Please take your sword and hold it safely.”
   Who is speaking .............................. To whom ..................................

4. “Nothing has happened to the children. Soon they will awake.”
   Who is speaking .............................. To whom ..................................

5. “Friend, please go home now.”
   Who is speaking .............................. To whom ..................................

6. “I am a sadhu, How can I sit on such a beautiful throne?”
   Who is speaking .............................. To whom ..................................

7. “See, this is my strength.”
   Who is speaking .............................. To whom ..................................

**Q.5 Answer any FIVE of the following. (Using 3 to 4 lines for each.)** [10]

1. How can we learn about and experience God?
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2. What did Pramukh Swami Maharaj say to the boy who was lazy in his studies?

3. What would people see in samadhi?

4. Describe how Pranvallabh died?

5. How did the bawa see Neelkanth’s fearlessness?

6. "Gurur Brahma Gurur Vishnu..." explain the meaning of this shloka?

7. What did Ramanand Swami say to the devotees during the Pattabhishek Ceremony?
Q.6 Write short notes on any ONE of the following. (In 10 lines.) [10]
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Q.7 Pick the correct answer from list 'B' for list 'A' and write it in the given blank. [5]

A                                      B
1. Evil magic ............................... 1. Ghanshyam
2. Satyam vada .............................. 2. Pibek
3. A gold coin ............................... 3. A sign of a Merchant
4. Charane shisa dharyathi ............... 4. Speak the truth
5. Won the debate ......................... 5. Dookh nakhiya todi.

Q.8 Complete the following Swamini Vatos. [10]
1. Aapane to .................................................................
2. Aapane Bhagwanna.................................................................
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3. Karod kaam bagaadine..............................................................
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4. Gaaflaai talvaanu.................................................................
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5. Aavaa sadhune ........................................................................
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Q.9 Complete any FIVE of the kirtans/verses below. [10]

1. Tvameva mata ........................................................................
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2. Nitya nitya ........................................................................
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3. Satade saat ........................................................................
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4. Gurur Brahma .................................................................
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5. Vahela oothi ........................................................................
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6. Akshardham naa

7. Ekade ek

Q.10 Write short notes on any ONE of the following. [10]

1. Eating a cucumber on an elephant.
2. If you want to become good and well then.
3. Maharaj’s sadhus.