**BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURESHTTAM SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA SATSANG EXAMINATIONS**

**BAL SATSANG - ONE**

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2002  
Time: 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.  
Total Marks: 100

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**NOTE:**

1. Figures given on the right hand side indicate the marks for that question.
2. Read the instructions before answering.
3. Answers should be clearly written.  

**Five marks will be given for clear and neat handwriting.**

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Examiner’s Signature ........................................
Q.1 Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct answer from the options given in the brackets. [10]

1. Ramanand Swami gave Nilkanth diksha on Kartik sud Ekadashi in the Samvat year .............................. (1856, 1857, 1858)

2. Maharaj said, "Wherever there is ......................... you will never find God." (superstition, illness, darkness)

3. Maharaj served the ......................... people Himself. (weak, low caste, hungry)

4. The ............................. represents the merchant. (gold coin, ring, sword)

5. Ghanshyam left home on .............................. Samvat 1848. (Ashadh sud 10, Ashadh vad 10, Aso vad 10)

6. In the arti .............................. Swami has sung the greatness of Shriji Maharaj. (Muktanand, Premanand, Brahmanand)

7. While searching for Ghanshyam, when Rampratapbhai went to the Radha-Krishna mandir, the story of the .............................. was being told. (Bhagvat, Ramayan, Mahabharat)

8. Nilkanth cursed His own words near the village .............................. (Kashi, Vansipur, Bansi)

9. Swamini Vato explains the .............................. of Shriji Maharaj. (greatness, virtues, works)

10. During the digging of the Gomti lake, Tejabhai Vankar and others from the village .............................. had worked very hard. (Pandharpur, Vadtal, Chhani)

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

1. Shriji Maharaj ate a cucumber during the procession in Vadodara. .................

2. Maharaj used His divine powers when the ghee ran out at the sacrifice in Jetalpur. .................

3. Maharaj's sadhus only sometimes disobeyed Him. .................

4. 'Gu' means darkness and ignorance. 'Ru' means light and knowledge. .................
5. When Ghanshyam left home he was thirteen years old. ..............
6. Seeing the bawas in the tree the tiger licked his sharp fangs. ..............
7. Magniram's Devi worshipped Swaminarayan. ................
8. Maharaj's sadhus always felt sorry for the bawas who beat them. ..............
9. The ceremony performed when a new guru is enthroned is called Pattabhishek. ..............
10. Maharaj's body was lifted into a palkhi and carried to Lakshmi Vadi. ..............

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

1. What did Maharaj say when the Subo requested Him to sit on the special throne?

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2. What did Pranvallabh get up and say when his body was placed on the pile of wood?

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3. During His last days, what did Maharaj say to Gunatitanand Swami?

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4. Whose murtis are under the two small steeples that you first come to after climbing the front steps of a mandir?

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5. What were the names of Ghanshyam's mother and father?

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6. What did Sahajanand Swami show by obeying His Guru's command and accepting the throne?

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7. What was the name of Maharaj's mare?

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8. When Ghanshyam left home, what did He take with Him?

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9. When the village wells dried up, what did Maharaj have done?

10. Why did the mahant request Nilkanth to stay in the mandir?

Q.4 Answer any FIVE of the following stating who is speaking to whom. [10]
1. "May I say what I believe and also answer the question?"
   Who is speaking ....................... To whom .............................
2. "Nothing frightens me!"
   Who is speaking ....................... To whom .............................
3. "Friend, please go home now."
   Who is speaking ....................... To whom .............................
4. "I'll call you when the time comes."
   Who is speaking ....................... To whom .............................
5. "I am your servant. Please keep me in your service."
   Who is speaking ....................... To whom .............................
6. "You have lost nothing but have gained the respect of all."
   Who is speaking ....................... To whom .............................
7. "By studying hard you are really serving me."
   Who is speaking ....................... To whom .............................

Q.5 Answer any FIVE of the following (using 3 lines for each). [10]
1. What did the astrologer predict about Ghanshyam's future?
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2. What did people see in samadhi?
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Marks Obtained:  Q. 3 [  ] Q.4 [  ]
3. Write three things that Maharaj has written in the Shikshapatri?

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4. After Sahajanand Swami was appointed on the throne, what blessing did Ramanand Swami give?

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5. What did Maharaj’s enemies whisper in the Subo’s ears?

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6. How do we benefit if we go to a true Guru?

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7. In what way did Nilkanth Varni find the ashram in Loj different?

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Q.6 Write short notes on any ONE of the following. (In 10 lines.) [10]
1. God does exist. 2. Evil Kalidatta. 3. A dead tree comes alive.

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Q.7 Pick the correct answer from list 'B' for list 'A' and write it in the given blank space. [5]

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Q.8. Complete the following Swamini Vato. [10]

1. Apne to .................................................................

2. Ava sadhune ..........................................................

Marks Obtained: Q. 6 [ ] Q. 7 [ ]
Q.9 Complete any FIVE of the kirtans/verses below. [10]

1. Gunaateeto-ksharam.................................................................
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   ........................................................................................... bhavabandhanaat.

2. Om saha naavavatu.................................................................
   ............................................................................................. Shanti (hi).

3. Chogade chaar...........................................................................
   ................................................................................................. bolo jay.

4. Naarayan muni traata.............................................................
   ............................................................................................. gayaa kashi.

5. Vahela uthi..............................................................................
   ............................................................................................. pranaam karshu.

6. Aksharne man bhavya.............................................................
   ................................................................................................. charane amane.
7. Aathade aath ...................................................................................
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Q.10 Write short notes on any ONE of the following. [10]
1. A mad donkey into a docile cow
2. The Swaminarayan mantra
3. Stay away from comfort.

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