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वर्गांकित अंक रेखे परीक्षार्थिद्वारा प्रत्येक प्रमाणपत्र के नीचे शाखा शाखा स्टीकर लगावें। स्टीकर कागांनी स्वाभाविक मान्य गण्य नहीं।

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परीक्षार्थियों गणनात तथा उपभोक्तावादी सत्यवती सत्यतनाती सहसुवायम पहले और वर्गसूचीवादी नहीं करवावे।

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**पाक्षण लगाएली सूचनाओं अध्ययन करने करें।**

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**Please follow the instructions written on the back side.**
Q.1 Answer the following, stating who is speaking to whom and when. [10]

1. “I bestow on you a gift of my Akshardham.”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..............................................................
   When ............................................................................................................................................

2. “A sadhu should never be afraid.”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..............................................................
   When ............................................................................................................................................

3. “If you are sincere and earnest in your quest, you will find God incarnate right here.”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..............................................................
   When ............................................................................................................................................

4. “God has, in all, sixteen foot-marks.”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..............................................................
   When ............................................................................................................................................

5. “I was a pious and religious king of the Telang region.”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..............................................................
   When ............................................................................................................................................

Q.2 Give reasons for the following. (In two or three lines only.) [6]

1. Nilkanth Varni told Premji Thakkar that, 'You will not find a jogi like me in countless universes.'
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2. Nilkanth Varni chose to settle in the land of Kathiawad. (State the most important reason)
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3. Nilkanth dashed the kamandal (water-pot) against a boulder and broke it.
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Q.3 Write briefly five main points (in sentences) on any ONE. (Narration is not required.) [5]

1. Cursed His own words.
2. Shiv-Parvati come for darshan of Nilkanth.
3. Receives vaishnavi diksha.
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Q.4 Answer the following in one sentence. [5]

1. For how many months did Nilkanth serve Sevakram?
2. On which date did Nilkanth renounce home?
3. In which village did Ramanand Swami and Nilkanth first meet?
4. What are the major causes of bondage for a sadhu?
5. When Nilkanth entered the ashram in Loj, how many maunds of cucumbers did He have on His head?

Q.5 State whether the statement is True or False and rewrite it if the statement is False. [5]

1. Ghanshyam revived Raghunandan in Chhapaiya.
2. On the day that He was instated as the head of the fellowship in Jetalpur, Sahajanand Swami revealed, “This Mulji is my abode called Akshardham.”
3. Sitting before the Garud pillar in the mandir of Jagannathji, Nilkanth would sit in meditation and listen to the discourse on the Bhagvat Gita.

4. Pulhashram is where Pulha, the son of Brahma, performed austerities.

5. While staying in the Nirvana School in Suryapur (Surat), Nilkanth got no food for four days.

Q.6 Fill in the blanks of the following sentences. [4]

1. Kalbhairav and ................................... emerged from the clouds of smoke caused by Pibek’s adad grains and mantras.

2. Nilkanth Varni arrived in Loj on the early morning of the sixth day of the dark half of Shravan in Samvat .........................

3. Nilkanth refused to accept a mahantship having an annual income of Rs. 100,000 in the city of .................................

4. Nilkanth told Bijal, “This water is drawn by leather buckets. It is ............................................ I can not drink it.”

SECTION-2: SATSANG READER PART-I

Q.7 Answer the following, stating who is speaking to whom and when. [10]

1. “This child will render great service to the sampraday.”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ............................................................
   When ..........................................................................................................................................

2. “I only wanted to witness the greatness of your guru.”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ............................................................
   When ..........................................................................................................................................

3. “I strongly desire to worship God with all my body and mind.”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ............................................................
   When ..........................................................................................................................................

4. “The rule shall not be changed.”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ............................................................
   When ..........................................................................................................................................

5. “Go and seek Swaminarayan Bhagwan’s shelter if you want to attain salvation.”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ............................................................
   When ...........................................................................................................................................
Q.8 Give reasons for the following. (In two or three lines.) [6]
1. Devidan became Devanand Swami.

2. Ladudanji set out to expose Swaminarayan.


Q.9 From the following sentences choose FIVE correct sentences.
(Write the sentence numbers only) [5]
Swami Nirgundasji
1. Up until four in the morning, Shastri Yagnapurushdas and Jethabhai of Pij were engrossed in discussion.
2. Bhagatji Maharaj infused within him the indomitable faith of the eternal forms of Akshar and Purushottam.
3. At the behest of Bhagatji Maharaj, Jethabhai was initiated as a parshad in Samvat 1953.
4. Jethabhai had also worked as Kothari in the mandirs at Bombay, Vadodara, Junagadh, Gadhada, and other places.
5. Such was the awe of Nirgun Swami that no one could even utter the words ‘Ja’ or ‘Pra’ in Vadtal.
6. If he found that he himself was at fault, he would not hesitate to apologise to the aggrieved party.
7. On another occasion, postal orders valued at a few rupees were received from Africa.
8. From the beginning of his life, he was a symbol of love and dedication.
9. Nirgun Swami left his body in the village of Pen, a few miles from Mumbai.
10. He explained to everyone, ‘This Shastrji Maharaj is a great sadhu who cannot be easily known in his true features.’

Sentence no. □□□□□

Q.10 Answer the following in only one sentence. [5]
1. At what age and by whom was Ashabhai initiated into the sadhu-fold?

2. In which Vachanamrut has Maharaj praised Shukanand Swami?

3. Which two injunctions were strictly observed by Jivuba?
4. By listening to Devanand Swami's kirtans who became his disciple?

5. What did the Nawab realise when he saw Jhinabhai sitting with his head held down?

Q. 11 Pick the correct answer number from list 'B' for list 'A' and write it (only the answer number) in the given blank space. [4]

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SECTION-3: ESSAY

Q.12 Write an essay on any ONE of the following. (In approximately 30 lines.) [10]

1. Let us remain the smallest of the small......
2. Turning a golden page in the history of Indian culture: The creation of America's new mandirs
3. Nilkanth Varni: tougher than steel, yet gentler than a rose

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