SATSANG SIKSHAN PARIKSHA
Bochasanwasi Shri Aksharpurushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha, Shahibaug, Ahmedabad - 04.

SATSANG PRAVESHER - 1

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Sunday, 5th March 2006  Time: 9 to 11.15  Total Marks: 75

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SECTION-1: NILKANTH CHARITRA

Q.1 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (Total Marks: 10)

1. “Can you tell me, who initiated you into this path of devotion?”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..........................................................
   When ..............................................................................................................................................
   2 Marks

2. “Only He who is Ram will reply to the name.”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..........................................................
   When ..............................................................................................................................................
   2 Marks

3. “The thorn is perhaps in the other sole, not in this.”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..........................................................
   When ..............................................................................................................................................
   2 Marks

4. “I shall install your murti on earth.”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..........................................................
   When ..............................................................................................................................................
   2 Marks

5. “Don't eat the fruits, they are poisonous.”
   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..........................................................
   When ..............................................................................................................................................
   2 Marks

Q.2 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (Total Marks: 6)

1. The mahant of Sripur offered the mahantship to Nilkanth.
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   2 Marks

2. Nilkanth cursed His own words.
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3. Nilkanth plugged the hole in the wall.
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   2 Marks
Q.3 Write briefly five main points (in sentences) on any ONE incident.  
(Narration not required.) (Total Marks: 5)
1. Redemption of Jambuvan
2. Meeting Gopal Yogi
3. Nilkanth at Bochasan
4. ..............................................................................................................................................................
5. ..............................................................................................................................................................

Q.4 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence for each answer. (Total Marks: 5)
1. What food did Shiv and Parvati bring for Nilkanth?
2. Who was Narsinh Mehta’s guru?
3. Where did Nilkanth see the Kumbh Mela?
4. At what age did Nilkanth perform austerities at Pulhashram?
5. Where did Nilkanth meet Muktanand Swami for the first time?

Q.5 State whether the following statements are True or False and rewrite the False statements. (Total Marks: 5)
1. Atmanand Swami accepted Ramanand Swami as his guru.
2. Women, wealth, and taste are considered the biggest elements of bondage for a sadhu.
3. Nilkanth had the darshan of Vithalnathji in Pandharpur.
4. Nilkanth started separate meetings for men and women in Piplana. 1 Mark

5. Nilkanth went to get cucumbers from Shil village. 1 Mark

Q.6 Fill in the blanks. (Total Marks: 4)

1. Nilkanth celebrated the Rath Yatra festival in ................................... 1 Mark

2. Nilkanth met King Ranjit Singh once again in ...................................... 1 Mark

3. Nilkanth trekked through a valley between .......................................... and ....................................... mountains. 1 Mark

4. One who does not appreciate a favour is an .............................. 1 Mark

SECTION-2: SATSANG READER PART-I

Q.7 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (Total Marks: 10)

1. “Bapu, it was Sahajanand Swami, our Lord.” 2 Marks

   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..............................................................

   When ........................................................................................................................................

2. “Because you were dozing.” 2 Marks

   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..............................................................

   When ........................................................................................................................................

3. “You will be convinced when you see five footsteps of vermillion on the threshold of your house.” 2 Marks

   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..............................................................

   When ........................................................................................................................................

4. “The letters have come but I have not read them. If I read them I would be worried.” 2 Marks

   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..............................................................

   When ........................................................................................................................................

5. “I have to go on a pilgrimage. On return I shall come and surely stay with you.” 2 Marks

   Who ............................................................. To Whom ..............................................................

   When ........................................................................................................................................

Q.8 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (Total Marks: 6)

1. Nirgun Swami was totally free from any desire. 2 Marks
2. Ashabhai accepted a life of renunciation.

3. Jhinabhai stopped talking to his sister.

Q.9 From the following choose FIVE correct sentences which are related to the topic and put a tick (✓) mark in the given blocks. (Total Marks: 5)

Topic: Compositions by Brahmanand Swami

1. Snehabharya nayane nihalata ho, vandan anand Ghanshyamne...
2. Dhanya ajni ghadi re, dhanya ajni ghadi...
3. Re sagpana Harivarnu sachu, biju sarve kshanbhangur kachu...
4. Manasno avatar mogho, nahi male fari...
5. Saheb sarikha shethiya, base nagarki mahi...
6. Jamo thal Jivan jau vari...
7. Ame sau Swamina balak, marishu Swamine mate...
8. Tara mukhni lavanta mithi re, Mohan Vanmali...
9. Hatu jivan karyu arpan, tamara ek ishara par...
10. Taro chatak rangilo chhedalo, alabela re...

Q.10 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence for each answer. (Total Marks: 5)

1. What was Shukanand Swami’s childhood name? 1 Mark

2. Who enlightened Jethabhai about the Akshar and Purushottam principle? 1 Mark

3. At what age did Ashabhai take bhagvati diksha? 1 Mark

4. To whom did Jivuba explain Sankhya-dharma? 1 Mark

5. What are Devanand Swami’s compositions popularly known as? 1 Mark
Q.11 Pick the correct option from list 'B' for list 'A' and write only the answer number in the given box. (Total Marks: 4)

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<td>Dabhan</td>
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SECTION-3: ESSAY

Q.12 Write an essay on any ONE of the following. (In approximately 30 lines.) (Total Marks: 10)

1. Swaminarayan Akshardham, Delhi - an unparalleled story of gurubhakti
2. Seeing good in others - the highway to Akshardham
3. Nilkanth's journey of awakening

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