BAPS SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA - SATSANG EXAMINATIONS

BAL SATSANG - ONE

Date: 11th MARCH 2007  Time: 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.  Total Marks: 100

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Five marks will be given for clear and neat handwriting.

Please carefully read the following instructions:

1. Answer book without signature of Exam Supervisor is NOT VALID.
2. Follow the instructions while answering.
3. Answers should be clearly written.
4. Write your answer with either a blue or black pen. Answers written in pencil, or with a red, green or any other coloured pen will not be considered valid.
5. Marks for Question 1 Mark  Space for Examiner to write marks

For Moderation Dept.  Question No. (Marks)  Marks Obtained
1 (10)  
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Section-1, Total Marks
6 (10)  
7 (5)  
8 (10)  
9 (10)  
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Section-2, Total Marks

Examiner's Signature

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Q.1 Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct answer from the options given. (Total Marks: 10)

1. Ghanshyam picked up a scripture named ________________ from a low table.
   (Bhagvad Gita, Shrimad Bhagvat, Vachanamrut)  
   1 Mark

2. When Shriji Maharaj entered the town of ________________, some evil men created trouble.(Junagadh, Anand, Jetalpur)  
   1 Mark

3. Ramanand Swami initiated Nilkanth Varni, and named him Sahajanand Swami and ________________
   (Narayanmuni, Swaminarayan, Narayanswarup)  
   1 Mark

4. Krishna Tamboli offered ________________, picked from the lake to Nilkanth Varni.
   (water chestnuts, cucumbers, lotus fruits)  
   1 Mark

5. Shriji Maharaj is always present on earth through ________________
   (sanctified items, a true Sadhu, sacred scriptures)  
   1 Mark

6. Shriji Maharaj went to Akshardham in the year ________________ CE. (1886, 1837, 1830)  
   1 Mark

7. Ghanshyam Maharaj's mother's name was ________________ (Bhaktidevi, Suvasinidevi, Lakshmidevi)  
   1 Mark

8. After leaving his home, Ghanshyam jumped into the cold water of the river ________________ (Ganga, Yamuna, Saryu)  
   1 Mark

9. Whenever we are unhappy we can become happy by ________________ (education, the guru's blessings, money)  
   1 Mark

10. When ________________, a Brahmin devotee of Amdavad, was on his deathbed, Maharaj came to take him to Akshardham. (Devvallabh, Prannath, Pranvallabh)  
    1 Mark

Q.2 In the sentences below, tick (✔✔✔✔✔) those which are true and cross (✘✘✘✘✘) those which are false. (Total Marks: 10)

1. During weddings, Maharaj asked people to sing songs about the holy marriage of Radha or Rukmini to Krishna.  
   ✔✔✔✔✔  
   1 Mark

2. On the outskirts of Vartal, Maharaj had a lake named Gauri dug.  
   ✔✔✔✔✔  
   1 Mark

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3. Shikshapatri is only meant for devotees of Swaminarayan.

4. Nilkanth Varni cursed his own words in the village of Banshi.

5. Ghanshyam used to listen to the story of the Ramayan in the Radha-Krishna mandir.

6. On hearing the children tell their experience of samadhi, Dada Khachar distributed pendas to everyone.

7. Upon hearing of Joban's miraculous change, the King of Bhavnagar was overjoyed.

8. When Sahajanand serves food to people, he serves all.

9. Dharmam chara - Always speak the truth.

10. Eating hotel food spoils one's mind.

Q.3 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (Total Marks: 10)

1. What did Nilkanth Varni make Pibek promise?

2. Until when did the Suba forbid Maharaj to return to Amdavad?

3. What did Maharaj’s sadhu say to the bawa upon returning his shoe?

4. Where and when was the riddle in Rampratapbhai's mind solved?

5. Why did tears flow from the sage’s eye after studying Ghanshyam’s horoscope?

6. The main teachings of which three scriptures were in the gutko Ghanshyam took with him?

7. Why does God incarnate on Earth?
8. During the yagna, why did Joban Pagi come at night?  
9. What strength did Nilkanth wish for?  
10. What does a real guru teach us?  

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| 1. "Forgive me because you had to stay hungry tonight."  
Who is speaking .................................. To whom ..................................  
2. "We will both go together and perform austerities and sit in meditation."  
Who is speaking .................................. To whom ..................................  
3. "May I say what I believe and conclude this debate?"  
Who is speaking .................................. To whom ..................................  
4. "I want to welcome you like a king."  
Who is speaking .................................. To whom ..................................  
5. "From now on we will wander in the forest and Himalayas with you. You are our guru."  
Who is speaking .................................. To whom ..................................  
6. "Because of your hard work that mud has turned into holy sandalwood paste."  
Who is speaking .................................. To whom ..................................  

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| 1. What discomforts did Shriji Maharaj’s sadhus experience in Amdavad?  

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2. What two boons did Sahajanand Swami ask for from Ramanand Swami?

3. On manifesting, what did the goddess say to Magniram?

4. What did Pramukh Swami say to the boy who was lazy in his studies?

5. What should one do to become Pramukh Swami's true child?

6. What did Shitaldas experience in his state of samadhi?

Q.6 Select the correct answer from the options provided and write only the number in the box preceding the question. (Total Marks: 10)

1. In which yagna did the ghee run out?
   (1) Jetalpur (2) Dabhan (3) Jetpur (4) Piplana

2. In which Samvat year was Ghanshyam born?
   (1) 1827 (2) 1837 (3) 1847 (4) 1857

3. Who asked Shriji Maharaj to write a small book about the essence of his teachings?
   (1) Ramanand Swami (2) Gunatitanand Swami (3) Muktanand Swami (4) Brahmanand Swami
4. What is the name of Shriji Maharaj's dham?  
(1) Vartaldham (2) Haridham (3) Golokdham (4) Akshardham

5. What did Maharaj give to Tejabhai of Chhani?  
(1) Thal (2) Sanctified Clothes (3) His pagh (4) Bricks

6. What did Shriji Maharaj name Magniram after initiating him into the sadhufold?  
(1) Adbhutanand (2) Adharanand (3) Advaitanand (4) Atmanand

7. In Ashadhi Samvat 1848, on which day did Ghanshyam leave home?  
(1) Ashadh sud 11 (2) Ashadh sud 10 (3) Ashadh vad 10 (4) Ashadh vad 11

8. When should we remember our guru?  
(1) at all times (2) on our birthday only (3) on our guru's birthday only (4) only when we are in misery

9. What should be our ultimate goal?  
(1) To sit with God (2) To study (3) A career (4) To please our parents

10. Nilkanth Varni explained the meaning of what to the two Brahmin girls?  
(1) verses from the Mahabharat (2) mantras from the Vedas (3) couplets from the Ramayan (4) mantras from the upanishads

Q.7 Pick the correct option from list 'B' for list 'A' and write only the answer number in the given box. (Total Marks: 5)

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Q.8 Complete the following Swamini Vato. (Total Marks: 10)

1. Apne Bhagwanna
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2. Nirantar sarva
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3. Ava Sadhune
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4. Karod kam
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5. Apne to
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Q.9 Complete any FIVE of the kirtans/verses below. (Total Marks: 10)

1. Tragade tran
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   ........................................................................................................................... bolo jay  2 Marks

2. Gunatito-ksharam Brahma
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   ........................................................................................................................... bhavabandhanat  2 Marks

3. Charan saroj
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   ........................................................................................................................... namari  2 Marks

4. Om saha
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   ........................................................................................................................... Shanti (hi) Shanti (hi)  2 Marks

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5. Akshardhamna balak .................................................................
................................................................. vahala bal ame. 2 Marks

6. Ame sau Shriji tana putro ...........................................................
................................................................. Gunatit Swami. 2 Marks

Q.10 Write short notes on any ONE of the following. (Total Marks: 10)
1. Evil Kalidatt  
2. Eating a Cucumber on an Elephant  
3. The Mandir

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