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

SATSANG PRAVESH - 1

Sunday, 2nd March 2008  Time: 9.00 to 11.15 a.m.  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: 9)

1. “This child-celibate Sahajanand Swami alone deserves to be installed on the gadi.”
   Who is speaking? ....................................................... To whom? ......................................................
   When? ...................................................................................................................................................
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   3 Marks

2. “Since there is a jiva in it, I will not pluck it.”
   Who is speaking? ....................................................... To whom? ......................................................
   When? ...................................................................................................................................................
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   3 Marks

3. “Where can we find a living God and when? How can we attain salvation?”
   Who is speaking? ....................................................... To whom? ......................................................
   When? ...................................................................................................................................................
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   3 Marks

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

1. The police officer departed, scratching his head in bewilderment.
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2. Nilkanth Varni broke the waterpot.
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3. Nilkanth spurned the offer of mahantship of the hermitage in Shripur.

Q.3 Write briefly five main points (in sentences) on any ONE incident. (Narration not required.) (Total Marks: 5)
1. Separate assemblies for men and women.  
2. Shiv-Parvati come for darshan of Nilkanth.  

Incident:
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Q.4 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (Total Marks: 5)
1. On which day in Samvat 1856 did Nilkanth Vami arrive in Loj?  
2. What two names were given to Nilkanth upon receiving diksha?  
3. Which ruler did Nilkanth meet in Badrinath and again in Haridwar?
4. What advice did Nilkanth give to the bawas of the Ramji mandir? 1 Mark

5. How did Nilkanth introduce himself to Bhagwansinhji, the ruler of Kukad? 1 Mark

Q.5 State whether the following statements are True or False and rewrite the False statements.  (Total Marks: 5)

1. Ramanand Swami told Kurji Dave, "Go to Loj and tell Nilkanth that if he wants to be a part of Satsang, he should embrace the pillar." 1 Mark

2. Veniram, Ghanshyam's close friend, passed away while meditating. 1 Mark

3. Nilkanth mastered ashtang yoga from Gopal Yogi in just nine months. 1 Mark

4. Nilkanth Varni was pleased that Narsinh Mehta of Madhada observed celibacy. 1 Mark

5. In Jagannathpuri, Nilkanth would sit in meditation before the Garud pillar in the mandir and listen to the discourse on the Bhagvad Gita. 1 Mark

Q.6 Fill in the blanks.  (Total Marks: 5)

1. After trekking and overcoming many obstacles, Nilkanth climbed to a height of ................................ feet, and reached the pilgrim place of Muktinath. 1 Mark

2. Nilkanth cursed his own words in the village of .............................................. 1 Mark

3. In Vadodara a merchant named .................................................. fed Nilkanth. 1 Mark

4. In Loj, Nilkanth was touched by the humility and politeness of .................................. 1 Mark

5. When Sarjudas asked for alms in Loj, he would call out, "........................................." 1 Mark

Total marks for above questions Write only this mark on main page
Q.7 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (Total Marks: 9)

1. “You will be convinced when you see fine footsteps of vermilion on the threshold of your house.”

   Who is speaking? ..................................................... To whom? ......................................................

   When? ...................................................................................................................................................
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2. “I consider physical service more worthy than service by money.”

   Who is speaking? ..................................................... To whom? ......................................................

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3. “My God! You have been sitting here since yesterday noon.”

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

1. A doll made of salt ventured to fathom the depth of the water and in the process, was itself dissolved in it.

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2. Ashabhai was initiated into satsang by Sadhu Dharmanandandas.

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3. Shriji Maharaj recovered from his illness in Panchala.

Q.9 From the following sentences choose FIVE correct sentences. (Write the sentence numbers only) (Total Marks: 5)

Topic: Bhaktaraj Jeevuba

1. Jeevuba was married to Hathia Patgar of Khambhada. 2. Jeevuba had developed a divine vision and used to have Shriji Maharaj's darshan uninterruptedly. 3. She told Raiba, her mother-in-law, "I want to become a devotee like Mirabai." 4. Jeevuba got permission to worship God from her husband and went to Vadtal. 5. Jeevuba explained Sankhya-dharma to Ladu Barot and made him realize that the gross body was a bag full of hell. 6. "Bapu, Gopinath Dev is our Lord." 7. Everyone called her as 'Motiba', 'Poonamatiba', and 'Jaya'. 8. The Lord began to drink the milk served by Jeevuba. 9. Abhel Khachar's earlier children had all died one after another, and no one survived. Hence, he had named this daughter 'Jeevuba.' (i. e. one who survived) 10. When Atmanand Swami was ill, Jeevuba sent her chariot for him.

Sentence no. [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Q.10 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (Total Marks: 5)

1. What did Joban Pagi think to himself when he saw the great sage sitting on the bank of a small pond?

2. Who did Shriji Maharaj refer to as his own hands and feet?

3. Which verse did Nirgunadas Swami often quote?

4. What boon did Bhagatji Maharaj bestow upon Jethabhai?
5. At what age did Mota Swami take initiation into the sadhu order?  
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Q.11 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.12 Write an essay on any ONE of the following. (In approximately 30 lines.) (Total Marks: 10)

1. The perseverance and tolerance of Shastriji Maharaj to propagate the Akshar-Purushottam Upasana.
3. Delhi Akshardham – a wonder of the world.

Essay:

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