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

SATSANG PRAVIN - 1

Sunday, 2nd March 2008  Time: 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.  Total Marks: 100

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Q.1 For any TWO of the following, give THREE references from the scriptures. (Total Marks: 6)

1. Importance of Upasana
2. Redemption Through the Pragat Form of God or His Sadhu
3. Divyabhav - Divine Attributes
4. How is God the All-Doer?

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Q.2 Given below are references from the scriptures, principles or stanzas. Write the topic they relate to. (Total Marks: 5)

Example: "Maru dham chhe re, Akshar Amrut jenu nam; Tema hu rahu re, dvibhuj divya sada sakar."

Ans: God as sakar in Akshardham and on earth.

1. Janma karma cha me divyamevam yo vetti tattvataha; Tyaktva deham punarjanma naiti mameti so'rjuna.

2. Tem je pragat Purushottam prichhashe, thashe harijan tatkal tyare.

3. A devotee should realize that God manifests himself on earth along with his divine abode, Akshardham, and should understand and explain this divine phenomenon of the descent of God to all.

4. "Parabrahman is distinct and separate from Brahman and is its supporter, inspirer and cause."

5. Dve vava Brahmano rupe murta chaivamurtam cha.
Q.3 From the given options, place a tick (✔) in the box next to the correct ones.

Note: One or more options may be correct. Full marks will be awarded only if all the correct options are chosen, otherwise no marks will be awarded. (Total Marks: 4)

1. Gunatitanand Swami is Akshar in the words of Shriji Maharaj.
   (1) ✔ “Mother, you may not understand, but your son (Mulji) is my divine abode, Akshardham, in person.”
   (2) ✔ “I give you today the gift of my Akshardham – Gunatitanand Swami – to the devotees in Sorath.”
   (3) ✔ “If Gunatitanand Swami is not Akshardham, then may I incur the sin of destroying as many cosmoses as there are stones on this mandir.”
   (4) ✔ “Najabhai, do you know this Sadhu? He is my Akshardham.”

2. Disadvantages of perceiving manushyabhav in God
   (1) ✔ Ultimately he is likely to leave this Fellowship
   (2) ✔ Redemption is denied to those who perceive manushyabhav in God
   (3) ✔ He is consigned to Brahma Sushupti
   (4) ✔ He dwindles totally — like the moon which wanes completely on the last day of the dark lunar half.

Q.4 Describe any ONE of the following and highlight the significance. (Total Marks: 4)

1. “Boy! Do not indulge in judging God.”
2. Gopalji Dada reprimanded Gunatitanand Swami.
3. Shriji Maharaj was described as Lord Krishna in the Satsangijivan scripture.

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Q.5 Write briefly on any TWO of the following. (In 12 lines each.) (Total Marks: 8)
1. Deficiencies resulting from not realizing the manifest form of God.
2. The dual upasana of Akshar-Purushottam.
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Significance: - ...

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Q.6 Explain any TWO of the following, giving reasons. (In 12 lines each.)  (Total Marks: 8)

1. Shastriji Maharaj has also consecrated the murtis of other avatars in Akshar-Purushottam mandirs.
2. Although the scriptures describe God as sakar, the understanding that God is nirakar arose.
3. Although B.A.P.S. is separate from the two dioceses of the original Sampradaya, it is not excommunicated.
4. God should be known as the all-doer (Karta).

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Q.7 Upasana: What to understand? What not to understand? Complete the following statements. (Total Marks: 7)

What to understand in upasana?

1. Aksharbrahman is the eternal sevak

[Complete the statement]

2. Jiva, Ishwar

[Complete the statement]

3. After departing from this earth,

[Complete the statement]

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What not to understand in upasana?

1. Articles such as footwear cannot be called Aksharbrahman.

2. Shriji Maharaj or devotees.

3. When God manifests that period.

Q.8 The Shikshapatri forbids one to meditate on a brahmavetta, or knower of Brahman. Then why do devotees meditate on the God-realized Sadhu? (Total Marks: 5)
Q.9 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (Total Marks: 9)

1. “I can also have my word honoured, at least, in one cosmos.” (S.R. III) OR

2. “The son of yours has become a follower of Swami’s sect.” (S.R. III)

( ) Who is speaking? ................................................................. To Whom? .................................................................
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SECTION-2: SATSANG READER PART-III
& PORTRAIT OF INSPIRATION – PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ

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3. “I belong to eternity, and what you say is a mere botheration for me.” (S.R. III)  
4. “Before the king, tell me, how would it look if one shows respect to a servant by touching his feet!” (POI-PSM)

( ) Who is speaking? ....................................................... To Whom? ...........................................................
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5. “You are putting Swamishri’s life in danger.” (POI-PSM)  
6. “I saw you in my dream. You explained to me about nirvikalp samadhi.” (POI-PSM)

( ) Who is speaking? ....................................................... To Whom? ...........................................................
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Q.10 Give reasons for the following. (In 9 lines each.) (Total Marks: 8)

1. Gopalanand Swami resolved to retire to Akshardham. (S.R. III)  
2. Nishkulanand Swami stopped sadhus and devotees from praying. (S.R. III)

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3. Narendraprasad Swami's doubts were resolved. (POI-PSM) OR
4. Swamishri was found sitting up in bed chanting the Swaminarayan mahamantra in the middle of the night. (POI-PSM)

Q.11 Answer the following concisely. (12 lines each.) (Total Marks: 8)
1. A devotee of the devotees – Parvatbhai. (S.R. III) OR
2. Muktanand Swami’s tolerance. (S.R. III)
3. In honour and insult. (POI-PSM)  **OR**  4. He Celebrates through Service. (POI-PSM)
Q.12 Answer **ALL** of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (Total Marks: 5)

1. What did Kushalkunvarba send to Shriji Maharaj along with her invitation letter? (S.R. III)  

2. As instructed by Maharaj, which devotee did Shивlal Sheth take care of as long as he lived? (S.R. III)  

3. By the inspiration of Gunantitanand Swami, which book did Acharya Raghuvirji Maharaj have prepared? (S.R. III)  

4. In which year did Shastriji Maharaj appoint Narayanswarup Swami as the President of B.A.P.S. Sanstha? (POI-PSM)  

5. What type of future has Swamishri envisioned? (POI-PSM)  

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Q.13 From the given options, place a tick (✔) in the box next to the correct ones.

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1. Mandirs in which Raghuvirji Maharaj has performed the idol-installation ceremony: (S.R. III)
   (1)  ✔ Vartal  (2)  ✔ Mumbai  (3)  ✔ Junagadh  (4)  ✔ Gadhada

2. Arrangements made by Kushalkuvarba for sadhus and devotees. (S.R. III)
   (1)  ✔ Exemption of the octroi duty at Bharuch.
   (2)  ✔ Armed guards to patrol the roads to Dharampur.
   (3)  ✔ Four cooks to prepare meals for the sadhus
   (4)  ✔ Distribution of gold coins among the devotees.

3. Incidents that depict Swamishri’s power to transform lives: (POI-PSM)
   (1)  ✔ Chunibhai of Bhimpur gave up his addictions.
   (2)  ✔ The liquor party of the Harijans of Bhoj was stopped.
   (3)  ✔ The 200-year-old conflict between the villagers of Kukad and Odarka was resolved.
   (4)  ✔ Pramukh Swami cleared the toilets in Sarangpur.

4. Religious leaders’ opinions of Pramukh Swami Maharaj: (POI-PSM)
   (1)  ✔ an idol of morality in our contemporary age
   (2)  ✔ a giant who has hoisted the flag of India’s cultural pride
   (3)  ✔ a matchless crown of our society
   (4)  ✔ the embodiment of Bhagwan Swaminarayan on earth

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Q.14 Write an essay on any ONE. (In approx 60 lines.) (Total Marks: 15)

1. Pramukh Swami Maharaj: Crafting mandirs and character
2. B.A.P.S. : World Best
3. Vasudhaiv Kutumbhakam (the whole world is one family) — the noble sentiment of Hindu culture

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