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7. Marks for Question ——— 1 Mark ——— Space for Examiner to write marks
Q.1. For any TWO of the following, give THREE references from the scriptures. (6)
1. The importance of devotion to the pragat form of God.

2. The necessity of becoming brahmarup for unhindered devotion.
3. It is essential of accept God and his Sadhu as divine.
4. Shriji Maharaj's supremacy as explained by himself.

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

Example: "One who believes God as formless and abstract becomes the worst sinner, even worse than one who has committed the five grave sins."
Ans: Disadvantages of understanding God as nirakar.

1. The divine light of Purushottam can also be understood to be sakar.
2. But today a mountain of magnet is before us, attracting in its magnetic field the entire cosmos.
3. Those who are devoid of such devotion, interpret the Bhagavatam as propounding a formless God.
4. I am the ultimate cause of the evolution of millions of macrocosms.
5. "Throwing such calumny at a devotee of God is an irredeemable sin, greater in intensity than the five great sins."

Q.3. From the given options, place a tick (✔) in the box next to the correct ones. (4)

Note: There may be more than one correct option. Marks will be awarded only for all correct options.
1. Gunatit Sadhu - The pragat form of God and yet a loyal servant.
   (a) If anyone calls me God, he will be considered a donkey.
   (b) 'More man prabhu as biswasa, Ram se adhik Ram kare dasa.'
   (c) We are the bullocks of Akshar Purushottam.
   (d) 'Samarth pay kabu nahi chhalkat, Jyu uddhi ke toya.'

2. Shriji Maharaj's supremacy explained in the words of Aksharbrahma Gunatitanand Swami
   (a) "Leave aside the pastimes of Krishna and tune into the pastimes of Shriji Maharaj."
   (b) "Maharaj is like the gardi, the third type of snake charmer. Jiva, Ishwar, Purush, Akshar and others are all standing before Him with folded hands."
   (c) "From the glory and infinite powers of God manifesting presently in this Satsang before you, You should clearly realise that He is totally divine and is the final cause of all the avatars."
   (d) "The bleating of hundreds of thousands of goats incites no fear at all. But a lion's roar is terrifying and can terrify everyone from within."

Q.4. Describe any ONE of the following and highlight its significance. (4)

1. Malji Soni's firm belief in Akshar.
2. Sadguru khele vasant.
3. Shriji Maharaj once asked the paramhansas, "Why do you call me God?"

Q.5. **Write briefly on any TWO of the following. (In 12 lines each.)**

1. Purushottam Narayan: one and unique.
2. Disadvantages of perceiving manushyabhav in the Satpurush.
4. The glory of the Gunatit Sadhu: In the words of the paramhansas.
Q.6. Explain any TWO of the following, giving reasons. (In 12 lines each.) (8)

1. The bliss of Akshardham is greater than that of the other abodes.
2. The Akshar Purushottam Sanstha is earning a reputation all over the world as an active and dynamic movement.
3. At the time of death, only the upasana of God is of use.
4. The key to salvation can only be found in the spiritual lineage of Gunatit Gurus.

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

What to understand in upasana:
1. Akaharbrahma .............................................................. unique.
2. Jiva, Ishwar, ........... entities.
3. Parabrahma purushottam ........... unique.
4. There are infinite muktos ........... the final rest.

What not to understand in upasana:
1. There is no difference ........... Purushottam.
2. The atma ........... Aksharbrahma.
Q.8. Write short notes: The characteristics of a Gunatit Sadhu. (5)

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Q.9. In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9)

1. "Never has he indulged in such exploits." (S.R.-III) OR
2. "My guru Muktanand Swami has come." (S.R.-III)

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3. "I have drunk the nectar which will not be returned." (S.R.-III) OR
4. "What have you done to solve the students' agitation in the city." (POI-PSM)
5. "It your deed is good, then you are better then the Brahmins too." (POI-PSM) OR
6. "God has given you hands and feet, so why don't you work hard?" (POI-PSM)

Q.10. Give reasons for the following. (In 9 lines each.) (8)

1. Hanumanji proved to be an earning brother for Vagha Khachar of Sarangpur. (S.R.-III) OR
2. Kushalkunvarba's liberation was a certainty. (S.R.-III)

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3. Swamishri’s attendant thought, ‘Who is the servant?’ (POI-PSM)  OR
4. Mayor Wilkinson was wonderstruck and intrigued by the transformation of the race horse. (POI-PSM)

Q.11. Narrate the following and highlight the significance of each. (In 12 lines each.)  (8)
1. Mukunddas’s eagerness to achieve his goal of celibacy. (S.R.-III)  OR
2. From Lalji to Nishkulanand Swami (S.R.-III)
3. The selfless love experienced by Mangal (POI-PSM) OR
4. Selfless love towards youths.. (POI-PSM)

Q.12. Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (5)
1. Name two texts that Muktanand Swami wrote for women devotees. (S.R.-III)
2. What did Shriji Maharaj say to Gopalanand Swami in his dream after giving darshan? (S.R.-III)
3. Which are the three things that Shivlal Sheth kept in his shop? (S.R.-III)
4. What did David ask Swamishri? (POI-PSM)
5. What advice did the sick young man get? (POI-PSM)

Q.13. From the given options, place a tick (√) in the box next to the correct ones. (8)
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.

1. Which quotes show Parvatbhai's detachment from his body and bodily relations? (S.R. - III)
   (a) "How can I forsake your darshan for petty loaves?"
   (b) "That which was to be spilled in the belly was spilled on the steps."
   (c) "He will now be spared the trouble of ploughing the field."
   (d) "Cocks and children of farmers never starve. They would fill their bellies even with the grains from the garbage."

2. Kushalkunvarba's love towards Maharaj and his sadhus. (S.R.-III)
   (a) Immediately four cooks were called.
   (b) Requested Maharaj to instruct the sadhus not to put water in their bowls.
   (c) I'll make arrangements for the exemption of the octroi duty of Bharuch.
   (d) Sadhus eat in plates.

3. Pramukh Swami's devotion to God. (POI-PSM)
   (a) To see him with God is rare even for the gods.
   (b) God is always given more importance.
   (c) Everything is offered at the feet of Maharaj.
   (d) Humility of the createor of Akshardham.

4. Swamishri greeted by dignitaries of other countries. (POI-PSM)
   (a) Prince Charles
   (b) Tony Blair
   (c) Shri Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa
   (d) Dr. Kurien
Q.14 Write an essay on any ONE. (In approx 60 lines.)

1. Goals cannot be achieved without discipline and rules.
2. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's influence and efforts: making dacoits like Valia into a Valmiki.
3. BAPS - A confluence of Service, Values and Dedication

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(1) One essay from above essays will be asked in the Final Exam.

(2) From 2006 onwards, like the Satsang Pravesh and Parichay Examinations, the answers for the Satsang Pravin Examination are to be written in the spaces provided in the question paper.