BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA

SATSANG EXAMINATION (PRE-TEST: 15 JUNE 2008)

SATSANG PARICHAY - 1

(TOTAL MARKS: 75)

(Notes: Figures on the right side of the question indicate the page number of the answer.)


Q.1 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9 Marks)
1. "By practising infanticide you are committing a three-fold sin." 44
2. "Very recently a religious coronation was held and you, too, were offered gadi." 7
3. "Bring whatever you have cooked, I shall eat your food only." 105

Q.2 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (6 Marks)
1. Bishop Heber thought, "My bodyguards do not take care of me and they do not know me." 163
2. Shriji Maharaj tells the paramhansas, "You are as dumb as doves." 104
3. Mr. Dunlop gave the land on a permanent basis and made a deed to that effect on a copper plate. 132

Q.3 Write concisely about any ONE of the following. (In approximately 15 lines.) (5 Marks)
1. Interview with Governor Malcom. 173
2. Fight against imaginary fears and superstitions. 38
3. The famine of 1869. 99

Q.4 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (5 Marks)
1. What type of life did Shobharam lead? 125
2. Which four devotees did Shriji Maharaj instruct to leave Memka? 26
3. Why did Patalbhai's wife feel sorry? 28
4. When Atmanand Swami was insulted what did Maharaj say to the sadhus? 65
5. Whom did Maharaj send for the construction of Bhuj mandir? 141

Q.5 From the given options, place a tick (✔) in the box next to the correct ones. (4 Marks)
1. Murti-pratishtha at Junagadh.
   (1) Samvat 1882. (2) Either you or an equally great fakir should stay here.
   (3) This sadhu is as great as me. (4) Samvat 1878.
2. The Shudras become Brahmins.
   (1) Isn't there any Brahmin or Baniya in this village?
   (2) Became ideal devotees with pure thoughts and noble deeds.
   (3) They will become scholars like the Brahmins.
   (4) Maharaj stayed for 3 days.

Q.6 Fill in the blanks. (5 Marks)
1. Maharaj gave the child hair from his ..................... 126
2. Maharaj addressed ....................... Swami as Jadbharat. 143
3. Atmanand Swami was also known as ........................ 64
4. Carrots became an enemy of ...................... 58
5. Maharaj made the ............... give up its habit of kicking. 94


Q.7 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9 Marks)
1. "One should not care for taste in God's prasad." 32

TO,
Pariksha Dept,  (Dt: 15 June 2008. Exam: Satsang Parichay - 1. Medium: English. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.)

Please note that I have been present personally in the Pre-Test Exam organized by the Satsang Shikshan Pariksha Karyalay, Ahmedabad. Please note that the following details filled are true.

Surname
Name
Father's / Husband's name
Examination Centre
Seat No.
Centre No.
Signature
Centre Name

Note: Only those who are present have to fill in this slip and give it to their Exam Supervisor. The slip of only those who are present have to be filled and sent to the Satsang Shikshan Pariksha Karyalay, Ahmedabad.
2. "After listening to the saint Premanand of the Swaminarayan sect, I am no more interested in anybody else's music."
3. "I am capable of destroying thousands of enemies."

Q.8 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (4 Marks)
1. Shriji Maharaj decided to eat at Jivuba's and Laduba's places, alternating between them every ten days. 47
2. Shastriji Maharaj agreed to build Akshar-Purushottam mandirs. 61, 62

Q.9 Write concisely about any ONE of the following. (In approximately 15 lines.) (5 Marks)
1. Mulji Brahmachari's dream. 24
2. Swami Jaga Bhakta's contribution to the spread true, pure upasana. 60
3. Nityanand Swami's humorous nature. 5

Q.10 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (4 Marks)
1. What happened to Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj when he was engrossed in meditation? 32
2. What has Maharaj said about Nityanand Swami in the Vachanamrut? 8
3. What did Maharaj say to Jiva Khachar when he saw some bawas camping under the sky on a hillock? 38
4. To whom did Maharaj explain his form as Purushottam? 16

Q.11 From the following sentences choose FIVE correct sentences. (Write the sentence numbers only.) (5 Marks)
Topic: Vali sau Sambhalo re..... meaning of the given bhajan.
1. Shri Hari's talk is full of principles. 20
2. Shri Hari's dham is luminous. 3.
3. To reach Shri Hari's dham one should serve him without any desires and for the benefit of all. 4.
4. In his dham Shri Hari's form is always divya, sakar and with two arms. 5.
5. From each part of Maharaj's body emanates the light of countless suns. 6.
6. To be near Maharaj one should know the panchvishays to be perishable. 7.
7. Except for Shri Hari's form all other forms are mayik. 8.
8. Premanand Swami's eyes do not tire of enjoying Shri Hari's murti. 9.
9. Shri Hari shines among the sadhus like the stars in the middle of the moon. 10.
Sentence no. □ □ □ □ □

Q.12 State whether the following statements are True or False and rewrite the False statements. (4 Marks)
1. Harjivanbhai was fondly called Krishnaji Ada by everybody. 70
2. The Dravidian Shastri was pleased by the darshan of the great sadgurus. 62
3. In Samvat 2009 Dada Khachar passed away in Sarangpur. 43
4. Shukanand Swami said, "In future sadhus like Gunatitanand Swami and Brahmacharis like Mulji Brahmachari will not be available."
28

SECTION 3: ESSAY
Q.13 Write an essay on any ONE of the following. (In approximately 30 lines.) (10 Marks)
2. The foundation of a happy life: family unity.
3. Helping to nourish gnan and bhakti in one's life: daily satsang routine (puja, arti-ashtak, katha, cheshta, etc.)

Note: One essay from the above list of essays and a few questions from the questions given above will be asked in the Final Examination to be held on Sunday, 13 July 2008.