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BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA
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SECTION 1: AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA

Q.1. For any TWO of the following, give THREE references from the scriptures. (It is compulsory to write the reference scripture and number.) (6)

1. Necessity of faith in divine supremacy.

2. How is God karta?

3. Deficiencies resulting from not Realizing the pragat form of god.

4. The infinite glory of Aksharbrahman.

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. Oh this is Jogi's doing. Only he can change what I have said.

2. Janma Karma Cha Me Divyameva Yo Vetti Tatvataha |
   Tyaktvaa Deham Punarjanma Naiti Maameti So'jrjuna ||

3. No more reversal of the course. Until now, it was reversed. But today it has been set right.

4. Bandh kidha bija barana re, vaheti kidhi aksharvat purushottam pragti re.

5. His greatness is not due to the mat. His greatness is eternal.

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

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. What is Upasana?
   (1) [ ] Purushottam Narayan is divya, divine.
   (2) [ ] God does not have a divine form.
   (3) [ ] God is not always present in a human form.
   (4) [ ] Narayan's darshan should be accompanied by the darshan of muktas sitting in a divine assembly. That is to say, the Lord should be worshipped along with his Bhakta.

2. Disadvantages of Understanding God as Nirakar
   (1) [ ] It is worse than one who has committed the five great sins.
   (2) [ ] One undergoes terrible sufferings for five births.
   (3) [ ] It amounts to deriding God.
   (4) [ ] Eliminates all of one's virtues.
Q.4. Describe any ONE of the following and highlight its significance.  
1. Nityanand Swami's understanding about Shriji Maharaj's supremacy.  
2. Shitaldas was convinced of the supremacy of Shriji Maharaj.  
3. Shriji Maharaj showed Swarupanand Swami the pathway to peace.  

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Q.5. Write briefly on any TWO of the following. (In 12 lines each.)  
1. Aksharbrahman: As the divine abode.  
2. Glory of the Gunatit Sadhu: In other shastras.  
3. Liking for Sakar.  
4. Necessity of knowing God as the all-doer.

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Q.6. Explain any TWO of the following, giving reasons. (In 12 lines each.) (8)
1. One who tries to throw dust against the sun, finds it falling back in his own eyes.
2. One who has a personal form is also immanent.
3. Shriji Maharaj does not have a liking for the divine light.
4. Akshardham is imperishable and eternal.

Q.7. Upasana: What to understand? What not to understand? Complete the following statements. (7)
What to understand in upasana?
1. Served by millions of .......................................................... amayik and nirgun.
2. Aksharbrahman, ....... whatever he accepts.
3. Shriji Maharaj is Purna Purushottam Narayan, ....... pragat (manifest) and divya (divine).

What not to understand in upasana?
5. Articles such as the footwear ....... Aksharbrahman.
6. The atma ....... Aksharbrahman.
7. Only Purushottam ....... Aksharbrahman.

Q.8. Write short notes: 'Human form of God is divine.' (5)
Q.9. In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9)

1. "Have you ever thought of buying one hundred quintals of dust?" OR
2. "You are a disciple of Tulsidas, who is a revered sadhu in the village."

( ) Who is speaking? ................................................ To whom? ........................................................ .
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3. "This time we have received a considerable amount by way of gift offerings." OR
4. "Even though you are poor, seeing you gives us a unique feeling of peace."
5. "By giving up one's resolves and abiding by his wishes and believing him to be the doer." OR
6. "Is also a witness to all our actions?"

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

1. Kushalkunvarba looked after the administration once a week. OR
2. On hearing Parvatbhai, members of the audience were taken by surprise.

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3. Swamishri felt satisfied, going through all the discomfort and difficulties for a poor, ailing boy.  

Q.11. Answer the following concisely. (12 lines each.) (8)
1. At Bhadra, Lalji Bhakta was convinced of the real divine identity of Maharaj.  
2. Gopalanand Swami's obedience.
3. Blissful joy of Dahyabhai OR

Q.12. Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (5)
1. When and where was Raghuvirji Maharaj born? (samvat, tithi)

2. What did Mukhtanand Swami prove in the debate on the shastras in Vadodara?
3. What did Maharaj instruct Mukhtanand Swami while sending him to Dharampur?
4. Of what is Pramkh Swami the president?
5. What did Swami reply to the last question from a reporter?

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

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1. Mukhtanand Swami's literature
   (1) Brahma Sutra Bhashya  (2) Chosath Padi
   (3) Sati Gita  (4) Nirmay Panchak

2. Parvatbhai's Understanding.
   (1) "Oh! Look at the divine exploits of my dear one!"
   (2) "You people should perform his funeral rites. I will not come back."
   (3) "How can I forsake your blissful darshan for petty loaves?"
   (4) "These saints are my choicest deity."

3. Where did Pramukh Swami Maharaj receive parshad and bhagvati diksha?
   (1) Bochasan  (2) Ahmedabad
   (3) Gondal  (4) Sarangpur

4. What was Swamishri's answer to the question, "How can world peace be attained?"
   (1) Following dharma  (2) Bowing down to parents
   (3) Doing one extra dandvat daily.  (4) Develop mutual tolerance
Q.14 Write an essay on any ONE. (In approx 60 lines.)

2. Family Unity - Through Courts or Understanding (Swaminarayan Prakash, June 2008).
3. The Clothing of Bhagwan Swaminarayan (Swaminarayan Prakash, April 2008).

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