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SECTION 1: GHANSHYAM CHARITRA - 7th Edition, April 2010

Q.1 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9)

1. "Go to the village to bring Ghanshyam's father here and tell him everything." (67)
2. "Your Ghanshyam has beaten our sons for no fault of theirs." (88)
3. "He is sleeping soundly." (74)

Q.2 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (4)

1. Who was catching the mangoes thrown by Ghanshyam? (27)
2. How old was Ghanshyam when Ramdayal was convinced that Ghanshyam was the incarnation of God himself? (6-7)
3. Who came to tonsure Ghanshyam's head? (16)
4. Which three things did Dharmadev place on a stool to test Ghanshyam? (8)

Q.3 Rewrite the incorrect sentences below in relation to the sentence heading. (4)

Example: Monkeys Get a Sound Thrashing: While Ghanshyam was eating in a room in Chhapaiya, a monkey came, stole a roti and jumped onto a branch of a tree.

Answer: Monkeys Get a Sound Thrashing: One morning in Ayodhya, while Ghanshyam was eating his meal, a monkey came up to the verandah, snatched a whole pile of chapatis and returned to the tree.

1. Seen in Many Mandirs at the Same Time: Ichchharambhai went straight to the Shiv Mandir. The Ramayan was being narrated there. (31)
2. Thousands Are Fed and Humbled: Ghanshyam says, "Mother, I want that lion skin on which the bawa is sitting." (57)
3. In Search of Gauri, the Cow: Kapila was very dear to Ghanshyam. Kapila had two calves named Gauri and Gomti. (73)
4. Fish Brought Back to Life: One day in Ayodhya, Ghanshyam called his friends Veni, Madhav, and Prag and suggested that they go to Narayan Lake for a bath. (20)

Q.4 Write briefly five main points (in sentences) on any ONE incident. (Narration is not required.) (5)

1. Kalidatt Meets His End (17)  2. Ghanshyams Stops the killing (47)  3. The Importance of Ekadashi (61)

Q.5 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct ones. (8)

Example: Sixteen Signs of God (45)

1. Padma (2) Gopad (3) Shankha (4) Vyom

2. Ghanshyam is Given the Sacred Thread (63)

1. Ghanshyam was now eight years old.
2. Harikrishna Upadhyay chose the auspicious day.
3. Brahata Street of Ayodhya was decorated.
4. Vashrambhai is Ghanshyam's maternal uncle.

3. Ghanshyam Has His Ears Pierced. (10)

1. Ghanshyam was only seven months old.
2. Amai was the barber.
3. Ichchharambhai climbed the tamarind tree.
4. "I shall have a hole made in my ears if you give me some gur to eat."

4. Sailing on Stone Slabs (67)

1. Ghanshyam was going from Ayodhya to Chhapaiya with his family.
2. They had to cross the Ganga River.
3. The little boy could be none other than Lord Ramchandra himself.
4. "We want a separate boat."

Q.6 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (6)

1. Ghanshyam felt like leaving home to practise austerities. (81)
2. King Gumansinh was amazed. (45)
3. Ghanshyam thought that Lakshmbai should be taught a lesson. (59)

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Q.7 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9)
1. "Your youth centre will flourish." (40)
2. "Please say a few words of wisdom." (13)
3. "You meditate on God all day." (6)

Q.8 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (4)
1. What would Yogiji Maharaj forget, when he engaged in seva? (29)
2. What did Jinabhai teach his friends in the mandir? (9)
3. Where on Yogiji Maharaj’s body did the black cobra bite him when he was in Gondal? (34)

Q.9 Select the SIX correct sentence numbers from below and write them in the correct story sequence in the boxes. (6)
Topic: First Meeting (14)
1. Shastriji Maharaj awoke at eight o’clock.
2. Jina Bhagat was part of a group of sadhus led by Krishnacharandas Swami.
3. Krishnacharandas's group went to Bhavnagar.
5. Jadavjibhai informed Shastriji Maharaj that sadhus had come for darshan.
6. Shastriji Maharaj went to bathe in the Aji River.
7. Jadavjibhai informed Shastriji Maharaj that sadhus had come for darshan.
8. Jina Bhagat stayed at Jaga Bhagat’s house in Rajkot.
9. One day Shastriji Maharaj arrived in Rajkot.
10. Jina Bhagat and a few other sadhus gave Shastriji Maharaj a mala and a tumbdi that were used by Gunatitanand Swami.
11. Jina Bhagat thought, “Shastriji Maharaj is worthy of being a guru.”
12. Jina Bhagat garlanded Shastriji Maharaj and marked his forehead with sandalwood.

Q.10 Write short notes on ‘Visits to Africa’ (50) (In 15 lines.) (5)
Q.11 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (6)
1. Jina Bhagat pleased Krishnacharandas Swami. (13)
2. Yogiji Maharaj was an ideal of seva. (25)
3. At the age of 73 years, Yogiji Maharaj visited 82 villages in 38 days. (47)

Q.12 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (4)
1. Over what do the true followers of Shriji Maharaj not quarrel about? (51)
2. For whom had the Muslim woman kept a babul stick? (35)
3. Why did the servants of Yama disappear in panic when they appeared before Ajamil to take his soul to hell? (2)
4. What did Akhandanand Swami think when he saw a tiger? (20)

Q.13 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct ones. (8)
1. Brave Child Devotee (16)
   (1) Father told not to worship Swaminarayan. (2) Grandfather told not to worship Swaminarayan.
   (3) I will kill you by raising the yoke of the cart. (4) I will kill you by raising the yoke of the chariot.
   (5) Where did Shriji Maharaj consecrate his own murti? (6) Ahmedabad (7) Gadhad (8) Vartal (9) Junagadh
   3. Nath Bhakta (55)
   (1) Gave money saved to Maharaj. (2) Son’s name was Prabhudas
   (3) He experienced samadhi. (4) Wife passed away.
   4. Jodho, the Shepherd (31)
   (1) His village was Nani Barai. (2) "Jivuba and Laduba are burning our milk.”
   (3) His devotion was like that of the gopis of Vraj. (4) Koyli, Katudi, and Jambudi.

Q.14 Fill in the blanks. (4)
1. Maharaj instructed Vasur Khachar to be good and never subject people to ................. punishments. (47)
2. At the age of ................. Dungar Bhakta left home. (49)
3. Sahajanand Swami is also known as ................. (5)
4. Shriji Maharaj asked Samat patel to give him some ................. (28)

Q.15 Complete the kirtans / verses / shloks below. (8)
1. Bhav dharine ....... Brahman ane Parabrahman. (62)
2. Athana shak .... banavi sari. (30-31)
3. Uttishthotishtha he Natha .... param kuru. (11)
4. 4. Ame sau Shrijitana putro .... Gunatit Swami.(B.S.)
5. "Ketlakne man ramade..." (47) - Complete the Swamini Vato and write an explanatory note (in15 lines) (5)
6. Punja Dodia (52) - Write five brief sentences on the main points of this incident. (5)
(Continuous narration not required.)

Note: A few of the questions in this Pre-Test Paper will be asked in the Final Examination to be held on Sunday, 10 July 2011. Use the latest editions of the exam books. In the Final Examination answers written on extra pages will not be considered valid.