BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA

SATSANG EXAMINATIONS (PRE-TEST: 24 JUNE 2012)

TIME: 2:00 TO 4:15 P.M.

SATSANG PARICHAY 2

(Note: Figures after the question indicate the page number of the answer.)   **(TOTAL MARKS: 75)**

SECTION 1: KISHORE SATSANG PARICHAY - 4th Edition, January 2010

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

1. "If you are a servant then discard your clothes and ornaments and renounce." (65)
2. "Samaloshtashmakanchanah - similarly, everything has become the same to him." (107)
3. "If there is not enough foodstuff it will bring a bad name to Lakshmiji." (52)

Q.2 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (6)

1. To follow the manifest God-realized sadhu is dharma. (99)
2. The king recalled Ardeshari and reappointed him as a Suba with full honour. (11)
3. The first mandir Shriji Maharaj built was in Ahmedabad. (23)

Q.3 Write short notes on 'Spirit of Friendship' (16-18) **(In 15 lines.)** (5)

Q.4 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (5)

1. Who gave alms to the sadhus on the outskirts of the village Gundali? (80)
2. When are desires not overcome? (89)
3. What was the caste of Galuji and to which village did he belong? (7)
4. What did Shivram say after hearing the voice from heaven? (21)
5. What had Rajbai resolved? (62)

Q.5 "Apne tapas karvo je ....." (91-92) **- Complete the SwaminiVat and narrate it.** (5)

Q.6 Complete the following. (8)

1. Nija-tattva ...... bhaje sada. (39)
2. Shadaksharo chhe ...... antar shuddh thay. (15-16)
3. Manushyalila re, ... sahit je bhakta. (69)
4. Translate the shlok: Krodhad bhavti .... nashatpranashyati. (103)

SECTION 2: PRAGJI BHAKTA - 4th Edition, September 2009

Q.7 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9)

1. "Remember God with your eyes wide open without blinking." (54)
2. "Will you give that jnan to me?" (8)
3. "I can prepare a shirt for your soul, too." (36-37)

Q.8 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (6)

1. Shriji Maharaj is at Bhagatji's Maharaj's command. (22)
2. Vitthalbhai offered oil to Hanumanji, yet his daughter-in-law was not cured. (68)
3. At the command of Gunatitanand Swami, Pragji Bhakta went to call Girnar. (13)

Q.9 Write short notes on 'Meeting Sadguru Gopalanand Swami' (3-6) **(In 15 lines.)** (5)

Q.10 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (5)

1. What did Acharya Bhagwatprasad Maharaj and certain sadhus decide to do? (30)
2. What did Gunatitanand Swami tell the devotees who came for darshan and where did he send them? (24)
3. What did people warn Pragji Bhakta about while he was preparing the lime mortar? (12)
4. Who came from Mumbai to serve Bhagatji when he was ill? (64)
5. Who was the Acharya when Bhagatji came to Ahmedabad? (50)

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Please note that I have been present personally in the Pre-Test **"Satsang Parichay 2"** Exam organized by the Satsang Shikshan Pariksha Karyalay, Ahmedabad. Please note that the following details filled are true.

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Q.11 From the given options, place a tick (✔) in the box next to the correct ones. (6)

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. To whom did Pragji Bhakta reveal the divine greatness of Gunatitanand Swami? (25-27)
   (1) Trikamdas.
   (2) Shukanand Swami.
   (3) Vagha Khachar.
   (4) Kama Sheth.

2. Bhagatji's practical, worldly guidance to the Diwan of Vansda (49)
   (1) A genuine seeker should fear like a deer and sleep like a crow.
   (2) Taught him to derive pure joy from devotion to God.
   (3) God is pleased only by brahmacharya.
   (4) Dine only once, remember God continuously.

3. Which sadhus started seeking Bhagatji Maharaj's company boldly and openly? (39)
   (1) Mahapurushdasji.
   (2) Vignananand Swami.
   (3) Yagnapurushdasji.
   (4) Balmukunddasji.

Q.12 Rewrite the incorrect sentences below in relation to the sentence heading. (6)

Note: Marks will be awarded only if a sentence is written completely correctly. Otherwise no marks will be awarded.

Example: Grand Reception at Junagadh: A devotee of Junagadh, Acharya Jatashankar, asked his student, Manilal Bhatt, "Why Jaga Bhakta, a cobbler, sits on a raised seat and the Acharya prostrates to him?"

Ans. **Grand Reception at Junagadh:** A **Nagar** devotee named **Dr. Umiyashankar** once asked his **guru, Balmukunddasji**, "How is it that **Pragji Bhakta**, **a tailor**, sits on **a cot** and the **sadhus** prostrate to him?"

1. **With Gunatitanand Swami at Junagadh:** "Where does this forest fox come from?" asked Siddhanand Swami on seeing Pragji Bhakta in Junagadh. (6)

2. **Sixty-eight Places of Pilgrimage at Thy Feet:** You are already busy and engaged for twenty-two hours. How will you be able to find time to do others work? (15)

3. **Bananas on a Cactus:** During the Diwali festival, Gunatitanand Swami gave grams to Pragji Bhakta. (19)

4. **Discord in the Fellowship:** Nityanand Swami had resolved to excommunicate Jaga Bhakta. (31)

5. **I Am Possessed by Swaminarayan:** Due to the blessings of Maharaj, I continually enjoy the divine bliss of Swami's murti. Those who associated with you are granted that everlasting happiness. (40)

6. **Grand Reception at Junagadh:** In V.S. 1953, on the occasion of the Jaljhilani festival at Junagadh, Yagnapurushdasji persuaded Kothari Gordhandas to invite Bhagatji Maharaj to Junagadh. (59-60)

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