Q.1 For any TWO of the following, give three references from the scriptures (6)

1. Shriji Maharaj, the Supreme - In the words of the paramhansas. (45-48)
2. How is God Karta? (4-5)
3. Disadvantages of understanding God as nirakar (11-13)
4. The need for become brahmarup: For unhindered devotion (119-120)

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

Example:
"Maru dham chhe re, Akshar Amrut jenu nam; Tema hu rahu re, dvibhuj divya sada sakar."
Ans: God as sakar in Akshardham and on earth.

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.

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

Q.5 Write briefly on any TWO of the following. (In 12 lines each.) (8)

Q.6 Explain any TWO of the following, giving reasons. (In 12 lines each.) (8)

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

Q.8 Write a short notes on: "Gunatitanand Swami Is Akshar" : In the words of the paramhansas. (156-157)
Q.9 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9)
1. “Since you are lodging here, why should I wander elsewhere.” (37) OR
2. “Where did the curd come from?” (72)
3. “But as there was some lapse in it, he has had to be born at your place.” (79-80) OR
4. “Do you have any bad habits or addictions? Live a pure life free from addictions.” (5)
5. “Your huts are as they are and you have been able to progress.” (29) OR
6. “We feel he committed suicide because of our mistake.” (34)

Q.10 Give reasons for the following. (In 9 lines each.) (8)
1. Gopalanand Swami made the offerings in the Vishnuyag held in Vadodara. (5) OR
2. Shriji Maharaj refused to accept the state of Dharampur. (66)
3. Mayor Wilkinson was wonderstruck and intrigued by the transformation of the racehorse. (12) OR
4. A student from South Gujarat in his satsang tour recalls Swamishri’s selfless affection and care, and admiration for Swamishri’s deep love for him. (7)

Q.11 Answer the following concisely. (12 lines each.) (8)
1. Discussion on the shastras by Muktanand Swami at the assembly in Vadodara. (17-18) OR
2. Forgiving nature Raghuvirji Maharaj (54)
3. Celebration through service (18) OR
4. Devotion to God (4)

Q.12 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (5)
1. Why did Parvatbhai sit at a distance from Shriji Maharaj’s seat? (75)
2. Who tied Vaishnavi kanthi and gave gurumantra to Lalji Bhakta? (38)
3. Why had Mukunddas decided to commit suicide? (19)
4. Which seva did Swamishri tell Narendraprasad Swami to do? (19)
5. Which water mixture did the attendant sadhu mistakenly give to Swamishri for gargling? (30)

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

SECTION 3: ESSAY
Q.14 Write an essay on any ONE. (In approx 60 lines.) (15)
1. Outstanding Youths of the Upanishads (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), February 2012)
2. Please Come to Collect Me at the End (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), September 2011)
3. Awakening Me from Within: Beyond the Body (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), December 2011)

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