BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA

SATSANG EXAMINATIONS (PRE-TEST: 16 JUNE 2013)

TIME: 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

SATSANG PRAAMBHA

(TOTAL MARKS: 100)

(Note: Figures after the question indicate the page number of the answer.)

Q.1 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9)
1. “What were you told?” (24) 2. “I would surely have died.” (51)
3. “Don’t allow a single Brahmin to come down.” (29)

Q.2 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (4)
1. What type of fun did Ghanshyam and his friends have in the neighbour’s house? (58)
2. Which philosophy did Ghanshyam propagate in the debate at Kashi? (84)
3. Who were all worried when the whole of the surrounding area was inundated with water? (75)
4. What type of garden is situated in which direction in relation to Narayan Lake? (17)

Q.3 Rewrite the incorrect sentences below in relation to the sentence heading. (4)
Note: Marks will be awarded only if a sentence is written completely correctly. Otherwise no marks will be awarded.
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.

Q.4 Write briefly five main points (in sentences) on any ONE incident. (Narration is not required.) (5)
Example: Sixteen Signs of God: The people of Ayodhya became deeply worried. They gathered in the Barhatta Street of the town, where Ichchharam used to live, and asked him, “Ichchharambhai, what is happening in the town?” Ichchharambhai said, “It is a warning from God.” (36)

Q.5 From the given options, place a tick (✔✔✔✔✔) in the box next to the correct ones. (8)
Note: One or more of the options may be correct. Full marks will be awarded only if all the correct options are chosen, otherwise no marks will be awarded.

Q.6 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (6)
Example: Rampratapbhai went in search of Ghanshyam and was surprised. (32) 2. Lakshmiji became very happy. (10-11)

Date Month Year
Q.8 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (4)
1. What did Jina Bhagat do while the cattle grazed? (12)
2. What did the dull or lazy students tell Jinabhai? (5)
3. Whose murti did Yogiji Maharaj have? (33)
4. During the third foreign tour for how much months did Yogiji Maharaj give Satsang joy to the devotees? (51)

Q.9 Select the SIX correct sentences from below and write them in the correct story sequence in the boxes. (6)

Topic: Head of Akshar Mandir (35-37)
1. Gondal mandir’s pratishtha was on Vaishakh vad 10.
2. Haka Bapu assisted Yogiji Maharaj in many of his duties.
3. Yogiji Maharaj would get up early at 3:30 a.m. and sweep the floor of the Deri.
4. Gondal mandir’s pratishtha was on Vaishakh vad 10. 5. Yogiji Maharaj was found cooking in the kitchen all by himself.
6. Yogiji Maharaj was appointed as the mahant of Akshar Mandir.
7. “May the number of sadhus increase and may the Satsang spread.”
8. Yogiji Maharaj cooked because the Kothari sadhu who was ill.
9. Yogiji Maharaj scolded the Kothari.
10. “By Maharaj’s grace, today, I have got the chance of this service.”
11. Yogiji Maharaj would have the mandir accounts written by Haka Bapu.
12. Yogiji Maharaj was in the kitchen giving spiritual discourses to the cooks.

Q.10 Write short notes on “Indifferent to Insult” (23-24) (In 15 lines.) (5)

Q.11 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (6)
1. Yogiji Maharaj left Junagadh mandir. (19)
2. One should never miss Satsang assemblies. (41)
3. Sadhu Krishnacharanandas read Yogiji Maharaj’s mind. (11)

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Q.12 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (4)
1. Why did the servants of Yama, who had come to take Ajamil, go away? (2)
2. Who is the creator of all worldly pleasures? (29)
3. What type of devotee was Vajiba? (59)
4. While performing daily personal puja, in which direction should devotee sit? (10)

Q.13 From the given options, place a tick (✔) in the box next to the correct ones. (8)
Note: One or more of the options may be correct. Full marks will be awarded only if all the correct options are chosen, otherwise no marks will be awarded.
1. Dhun (2)
   (1) The Ramayan was written by Sage Valmiki. (2) Ajamil’s youngest son’s name was Narayan.
   (3) Shriji Maharaj changed Joban Pagi’s character.
   (4) Remembering God and our guru while chanting the name of God.

2. Gangama (17)
   (1) From the small town of Jetpur near Ahmedabad. (2) Disciple of Ramanand Swami.
   (3) Called Shriji Maharaj ‘Oh my nephew son’.
   (4) Carried a basket on her head with khichdi and kadhi simmering inside.

3. Punja Dodia (53)
   (1) Was a Rajput devotee of Panvi. (2) Tried to kill himself in Badrinath.
   (3) Passed away on the twelth day after Shriji Maharaj’s return to Dham.
   (4) Was inspired by Krupanand Swami and Gunatitanand Swami.

4. Behaviour in Bal Mandal (57)
   (1) Eat to keep our body strong and healthy.
   (2) By attending the Bal Mandal assembly, our bad habits go away.
   (3) Prasad is sanctified food offered to God.
   (4) We should say “Jai Swaminarayan” to everybody before going home.

Q.14 Fill in the blanks. (4)
1. The babul stick was offered to .......... by the Muslim woman who belonged to .......... town. (34)
2. Gunatitanand Swami reverted to the divine abode Swaminarayan in .......... village. (40)
3. Valmiki was transformed by the name .......... (2)
4. .......... installed his own murti in the mandir at .......... (8)

Q.15 Complete the kirtans / verses / shloks below. (8)
1. Ame sau Swamina ....... chhie marva. (Bravery Song) 2. Sadbuddhi ....... sadya vidari. (5)
3. Agachha Bhagwan ....... sammuho bhava. (11)
4. Narayan sukha data ....... gaya Kashi. (22-23)

Q.16 “Karod kam bagadine.” (43-44) Complete the Swamini Vato and write an explanatory note on it (in15 lines), (5)

Q.17 ‘Nath Bhakta’ (56-57) - Write five brief sentences on the main points of this incident. (5)

Note: A few of the questions in this Pre-Test Paper will be asked in the Final Examination to be held on Sunday, 7 July 2013. Use the latest editions of the exam books. In the Final Examination answers written on extra pages will not be considered valid.

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