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BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA

SATSANG EXAMINATIONS

PRE-TEST: SATSANG PRARAMBHA

JANUARY 2014

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Question No. (Marks)

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Section-1, Total Marks (36)

Question No. (Marks)

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Section-2, Total Marks (30)

Question No. (Marks)

Marks Obtained

18 (6)

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

1. “Go and call Ghanshyam.”
   Who is speaking? ..............................................   To whom? ................................................
   When? ...................................................................................................................................

2. “Why does Ichchharam have to be carried and why not me?”

3. “Climb up and bring him down.”

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

1. Why did the monkey yell?

2. Which tree lay on the banks of “Meen” Lake?

3. What did Rampratapbhai grow in his farm?

4. Which cow gave milk twice a day?

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 the branch of a tree.

Ans. Monkeys get a sound thrashing: In Ayodhya, one morning when Ghanshyam was eating his meal, the monkey came up to the verandah and carried away a whole lot of chapattis and returned to the tree.

1. A test for the Son: He placed a diamond, a murti and a small sword on the stool.

2. Ghanshyam is seen as Ramchandra: A gardener named Manchha was washing clothes when Ghanshyam ran to him for help, “I cannot find my friends.”

3. Ghanshyam is given the sacred thread: Sukhrambhai was overjoyed. He lifted Ichchharam in his hands and he gave ten rupees to Ichchharam.

4. The Importance of Ekadashi: If we observe one Ekadashi, we obtain merits equal to the merits obtained by performing a thousand Rajsuya Yagnas.

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

1. The Greedy Confectioner

2. In Search of Gauri, the cow.

3. Ghanshyam Eats All the Food.
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.

1. Curing smallpox:
   (1) [ ] Aunt Vasantamasi came to enquire about Ghanshyam.
   (2) [ ] “He should not touch water for ten days”
   (3) [ ] “Bring some cold water.”
   (4) [ ] “Ghanshyam must surely be God himself.”

2. In which direction are the aspirants?
   (1) [ ] Mango tree.
   (2) [ ] West direction.
   (3) [ ] Shri Krishna’s Dwarika lies there.
   (4) [ ] I want to live in Ayodhya.

3. The ghost well:
   (1) [ ] Vachanabai.
   (2) [ ] Put the glass into the well.
   (3) [ ] Ghanshyam leapt into the well
   (4) [ ] Sent the ghosts to Shwetdwip.

4. Sixteen signs of God.
   (1) [ ] Village called Tunda.
   (2) [ ] King Subhansinh.
   (3) [ ] God does not cast a shadow.
   (4) [ ] Seven signs on the left foot.

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

1. Vashrambhai (maternal uncle) prays to Ghanshyam.

2. The evil women started looking for Dharmadev’s house.

3. Amai the Barber was alarmed.
Q.7. In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (9)
1. “The Akshar Purushottam philosophy will spread throughout the world.”
   Who is speaking? ..............................................   To whom? ...............................................
   When? ...................................................................................................................................
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2. “Where is the sadhu who cooks daily?”
3. “Call your Gunatit, and see if he can save you.”

Q.8. Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (4)
1. In which cities of Africa did Yogiji Maharaj consecrate the murtis of Akshar Purushottam?
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2. What did Yogiji Maharaj do while preparing rotlas?
3. Where did Jinabhai take his daily morning bath and perform meditation?
4. Whose glory did Krishnaji Ada use to narrate?

Q.9. Select the SIX correct sentences from below and write them in the correct story sequence in the boxes. (6)
   Topic : The Desireless Sadhu
   1. The sadhus visited village after village to teach the philosophy of Akshar Purushottam.
   2. “Without punishment we would not remain alert. It helps us to correct our mistakes.”
   4. Kuberbhai asked Yogiji Maharaj “Come on, why are you seated here?”
   5. “Once we have renounced something, why let it re-enter our heart?”
   6. Once Yogiji Maharaj was with a group of sadhus in Gondal.
   7. “I will myself come down to Jetpur from Junagadh to welcome you.”
   8. Yogiji Maharaj was fasting that day.
   9. Yogiji Maharaj was on the upper floor of the house reading the Swamini Vatu.
   10. Vignandas Swami became very angry.
   11. Hargovind Mehta of Bhavnagar witnessed this scene.
   12. Down below, people were eagerly awaiting the kings wedding procession.

   Write the correct sentence numbers
   (1) 
   (2) Correct sequence of sentences

   Correct sequence of sentences

Note: (1) 3 marks will be awarded in the correct sentence number only if all the six sentence numbers are correct and (2) 3 marks will be awarded only if all the sequence of sentence numbers is correct. Otherwise no marks will be given.

Q.10. Write short notes on ‘Worship of the Lord.’ (In 15 lines). (5)

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Q.11. Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). (6)

1. Yogiji Maharaj was hospitalized in Rajkot.

2. Narayanswarupdasji became known as ‘Pramukh Swami’.

3. The devotees of Keriya village hurried to the mandir with sticks in their hands.

Q.12. Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (4)

1. What did Ramanand Swami instruct Muktanand Swami?

2. What did the father of the Bal Bhakta threatened him with?

3. Whose children are we?

4. Where did Shriji Maharaj take the Bibi?

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. Behaviour in bal mandal:
   (1) ☐ We should attend the monthly bal mandal assembly.
   (2) ☐ After eating prasad, sing the dhun.
   (3) ☐ We should form the habit of doing our work ourselves.
   (4) ☐ When we enter a mandir we should first prostrate before God.

2. Vajiba
   (1) ☐ She was of the Sathwara caste.
   (2) ☐ She invited Santdasji to her place.
   (3) ☐ She gave shelter to Maharaj in the room at the back.
   (4) ☐ Maharaj stretched his legs and touched the pipal tree.
3. Brave Bhaguji:
   (1) □ Bhaguji was a devoted and brave man.
   (2) □ Vasur Khachar of Bhadli.
   (3) □ Pigeon faeces.
   (4) □ 500 rupees a month, and a charge of 300 mounted soldiers in the army.

4. Aksharbrahman Gunatitanand Swami:
   (1) □ “Please sing songs that are sung during the sacred thread ceremony."
   (2) □ Initiated as a sadhu at the age of eight.
   (3) □ Forty months in Junagadh.
   (4) □ Akshar Mandir.

Q.14. Fill in the blanks. (4)
   1. A Satsangi children do not keep the company of bad children who have a habit of ...................... or ......................
   2. In samadhi, ...................... would bring dry dates, and ...................... in the form of prasad from Shriji Maharaj.
   3. You are so wise that you once deluged the whole ...................... only to save one ......................
   4. Shriji Maharaj especially praised the ...................... prepared by Gangama.

Q.15. Complete the kirtans/verses/shloks below. (8)
   1. Chalu karo ..............................................................................................................................
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      ............................................................................................................................................. raji thaine.
   2. Nathi darta ...... jnanne gaishu.
   3. Agachha Bhagwan ...... sanmukhobhav.
   4. Shastriji Maharajna ...... dyo anandkari.

Q.16. ‘Bhagwan to potana.....’ - Complete the Swamini Vato and write an explanatory note on it (In 15 lines). (5)
Q. 17. ‘Gifts from God’ - Write five brief sentences on the main points of this incident (continuous narration is not required). (5)

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