

**BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM
SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA
SATSANG EXAMINATIONS**

**SATSANG PRAVIN
PAPER-1**

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Time: 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

TOTAL MARKS: 100

Note: Figures to the right indicate the marks for that question.

(SECTION-1: AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA)

Q.1 For any TWO of the following, give THREE references from the scriptures. [6]

1. Necessity of faith in understanding divine supremacy.
2. Redemption through the manifest form of God or His sadhu.
3. Disadvantages of understanding God as nirakar.
4. Aksharbrahma: one and unique.

Q.2 Write the title for the given reference. [5]

1. Parokshthi bhavtano par ave nahi,
Veda vedant kahe satya vani.
2. Koti Krishna jode hath, koti Vishnu name math,
sadguru khele vasant...
3. Maru Dham chhe re, Akshar Amrut jenu nam,
tema hu rahu re, dwibhuj divya sada sakar.
4. "... all the avatars owe their powers to Maharaj and have
attained their present state by worshipping Him..."
5. He who knows Brahma becomes brahmarup.

Q.3 Write the correct answers from the given options. [4]

Note: There may be more than one correct option. Marks will be awarded only for all correct options.

1. Need for Aksharbrahma.
 - A. For pragat devotion.
 - B. To become brahmarup.
 - C. To become like Purushottam.
 - D. To know Parabrahma as He is.
2. God's omniscience means.
 - A. He knows ishwar's motives for creation, sustenance and dissolution.
 - B. He knows the past, present and future all souls.
 - C. He knows the physical deeds and mental thoughts of all.
 - D. He knows the thoughts of all the muktas.

Q.4 Write short notes on any ONE of the following and bring out the moral. (12 lines each.) [4]

1. Swarupanand Swami freed the jivas from hell.
2. "I dwell eternally in you..."
3. "He is omniscient, omnipotent and the Dhanvantar Vaidya."

Q.5 Explain any TWO of the following. (12 lines each.) [8]

1. The dual upasana of Akshar Purushottam.
2. Cosmic evolution.
3. Shriji Maharaj - the all-doer.
4. Disadvantages of perceiving manushyabhav (human traits) in God.

Q.6 Give reasons for any TWO of the following. (12 lines each.) [8]

1. Vagha Khachar gains limitless and unhindered vision.
2. Importance of upasana.
3. Shastriji Maharaj used to say, "We are the bullocks of Akshar Purushottam."
4. Akshardham - the highest, above Vaikunth and Golok.

Q.7 Upasana: What to understand ? [8]

Complete the sentences.

1. Parabrahma dwelling in Akshardham....is the very same Shriji Maharaj manifesting on Earth.

2. Aksharbrahman, while serving nirgun whatever he accpets.
3. Only by contact with such a brahmanised Saint offering worship to Purushottam.
4. The sagun and subtlest of the subtle.
5. Aksharbrahman, like unique.

Upasana: What not to understand?

1. There is no difference between and Aksharbrahman.
2. The words of the Vachanamrut and therefore can be changed.
3. Only Aksharbrahman exists live through him.

Q.8 The Shikshapatri forbids one to meditate on even a brahmavetta; then why do devotees meditate on God's Sadhu? (In about 12 lines.) [5]

(SECTION-2: SATSANG READER – PART III & PORTRAIT OF INSPIRATION – PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ)

Q.9 For any TWO of the following, state who is speaking to whom and when the words were spoken. [6]

1. “You have removed the pain of my body, I'll remove the pain of your heart.”
2. “Cocks and children of farmers never starve.”
3. “Since there is a famine in Gujarat, I'm praying for rains.”

Q.10 Give reasons for any TWO of the following. [6]

1. Muktanand Swami threw Ramanand Swami's sacred cloth into the fire.

OR

1. Raghuvirji Maharaj became a pilgrim and went to Junagadh.
2. Nishkulanand Swami prepared to leave Baroda, but then decided to stay.

OR

2. The skin disease affecting Ratansinh of Radhu was cured in a matter of days.

Q.11. Answer the following concisely. (12 lines each.) [8]

1. Gopalanand Swami stops the eclipse. **OR**
1. Shivlal Sheth's control over his sense of sight.
2. Swamishri's spirit of service (any two incident). **OR**
2. Opinions of Swamishri by leading personalities (any four).

Q.12 Answer all of the following, using only one sentence for each. [6]

1. Through whose contact did Kushalkunvarba become a satsangi?
2. For how many days did Parvatbhai stay in Gadhada without eating?
3. Who wrote the kirtan 'Anubhavi anandma...' ?
4. Which book did Gunatitanand Swami inspire Raghuvirji Maharaj to have written?
5. Who had Shivlal invited to Bhavnagar?
6. On what occasion and in which place did Pramukh Swami pick up the used datan sticks?

Q.13 Write the correct answers from the given options. [6]

Note: There may be more than one correct option. Marks will be awarded only for all correct options.

1. Who had kept the company of Gunatitanand Swami and had the benefit of his spiritual talks?
A. Raghuvirji Maharaj C. Nishkulanand Swami
B. Parvatbhai D. Shivlal Sheth
2. Parvatbhai
A. Lived in Kariyani.
B. Was a "satsangi of the couch".
C. Had served as an attendant to Dada Khachar.
D. Saw the 24 incarnations being absorbed into the form of Maharaj.
3. Kushalkunvarba had listened to the sermons of which sadhus?
A. Paramatmanand Swami C. Krupanand Swami
B. Muktanand Swami D. Paramchaitanyanand Swami

(SECTION-3: ESSAY)

Q.14 Write an essay on ONE of the following. (In 60 lines.) [20]

1. In the joy of others lies our own - Pramukh Swami Maharaj
2. Akshardham - lifeline of Hindu culture
3. Satsang activities - spiritual and social road-map

