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## SATSANG EXAMINATION (PRE-TEST: 17 JUNE 2007)

**SATSANG PRAVIN - 1** TIME: 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. (TOTAL MARKS: 100) (Note: Figures on the right side of the question indicate the page number of the answer.) Section-1: Akshar Purushottam Upasana - 2nd Edition, July 1996 For any Two of the following, give three references from the scriptures. (6 Marks) Aksharbrahma as the divine abode. 119 2. Characteristics of the Gunatit Sadhu on the basis of the Vachanamrut. 97 3. Purushottam Narayan - God with form as well as immanent. 20 4. Necessity of knowing God as the all-doer. 11 Q.2 Given below are references from the scriptures, principles or stanzas. (5 Marks) Write the topic they relate to. 1. If God is believed to be like other incarnations, then it amounts to blasphemy. 36 2. Avajananti mam mudha manushim tanumashritam | 30 75 3. The Lord who talks and walks among us is the pragat form of God. 4. One who believes that God is formless is never forgiven for this fault, as out of all faults this fault is the must irredeemable. 16 5. When the sadhu eats, God and all the deities are fed. All the cosmoses and all the abodes become 102 contented. From the given options, place a tick  $(\mathcal{V})$  in the box next to the correct ones. (4 Marks) Q.3 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. Shriji Maharaj - the supreme in the words of paramhansas. 47 (1) Je chhe man vani ne agam, te to aj thaya chhe sugam. (2) Khar Akshar thaki e to par chhe jo. (3) Jiva ishwar tano re maya kal purush pradhan. (4) Mari drashtie jakta upaje shame, anek rupe maya thai. 2. Which analogies illustrate what is meant by the phrase "Brahman merging into Parabrahman?" 125 (1) when fire enters wood (2) when fire enters an iron rod (3) when fire enters water (4) when the sun shines, the moon and starts to disappear Describe any **ONE** of the following and highlight the significance. (4 Marks) Q.4 1. I constantly dwell within you. 91 135 2. Swami's greatness is eternal. 3. Parvatbhai had darshan of all 24 incarnations. 55 Write briefly on any TWO of the following. (In 12 lines each.) (8 Marks) Q.5 1. Swami is Akshar - from his life and work. 153 2. Nothing can be more detrimental than to perceive Manushyabhav in God and this Sadhu. 32 3. The form of Aksharbrahma. 117 4. Redemption through the pragat form of God or His Saint. 82 Explain any TWO of the following, giving reasons. (In 12 lines each.) (8 Marks) Q.6 1. The influence of other deities, tantra and superstitions no longer remained. 154 134 2. Maharaj showed his unwillingness to send Gunatit Swami far away. 3. Shivlal Sheth went to Swami to learn both worldly affairs and the path of redemption. 145 4. Many sadhus and avatars have spoken of themselves as Purushottam in the scriptures. 66 **Q.7** Upasana: What to understand? What not to understand? Complete the following statements. (7 Marks) (What to understand in upasana) (157 - 160) 1. Aksharbrahma is the eternal..... Purushottam Narayan. 159 2. Aksharbrahma while serving ..... whatever he accepts. 158 3. The sagun and ...... the subtle. 154 4. Aksharbrahma ...... unique. 158 (What not to understand in Upasana) (160 - 161) 1. Only Purushottam...... Aksharbrahman. 160 160 2. There is no ..... Parbrahma. 3. Paramhansas other ..... Mul Aksharbrahman. 161 [P.T.O.] --<del>×</del>-----TO. Pariksha Dept, (Dt: 17 June 2007. Exam: Satsang Pravin - 1. Medium: English. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) Please note that I have been present personally in the Pre-Test Exam organized by the Satsang Shikshan Pariksha Karyalay, Amdavad. Please note that the following details filled are true. 601 Surname Exam. Date Exam. Time Name Father's / Husband's name Seat No. **Examination Centre** Centre No.

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<b>Q.8</b>	Write detailed notes:	(5 Marks)
	1. Gunatitnand Swami is Mul-Akshar as convinced by Shastriji Maharaj.	146
Section-2: Satsang Reader - III, 3rd Edition, June 1993 & Portrait of Inspiration - Pramukh Swami Maharaj, 2nd Edition, February 2007		
Q.9	In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when.	(9 Marks)
	1. "It is practically impossible for anyone to observe total celibacy." (S.RIII) OR	18
	2. "What else could you do with so much wealth?" (S.R.III)	50
	<ul><li>3. "O Lord! Please keep me at your feet." (S.R.III) OR</li><li>4. "If you cultivate character then it will not take long for you to become rich." (P.I.)</li></ul>	35 29
	5. "I have faith that my prayers will work." (P.I.) <b>OR</b>	37
	6. "Don't let him go out. The angry crowd is waiting to beat him up." (P.I.)	22
Q.10	Give reasons for the following. (In 9 lines each.)	(8 Marks)
	1. Vajesinh Bapu was pleased with Bhaga Doshi's understanding and gave him his consent to do as	75
	he liked. (S.R.III) <b>OR</b> 2. Kushalkunvarba realised the real identity of Maharaj. (S.R.III)	75 57
	3. For Ratansinh his illness became an opportunity to experience a priceless moment of divine	0.
	happiness. (P.I.) <b>OR</b>	31
0.44	4. Swamishri told Bhagvatcharan Swami to respect Thakorji. (P.I.)	4 (0 Marilan)
Q.11	Answer the following concisely. (12 lines each.)  1. Childhood of Khushal Bhakta. (S.R. III) (2) OR 2. Explain the kirtan "Bhaagya jagya re aaj" (S.R.	(8 Marks)
	3. Swami remains unruffud in both honour and insult. (P.I.) (10) <b>OR</b> 4. No language barrier (P.I.) (8)	111) (40)
Q.12	Answer <u>ALL</u> of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer.	(5 Marks)
	1. Why did Parvatbhai sit at a distance from Shriji Maharaj's couch? (S.R.III)	70
	<ol> <li>What is the valuable contribution in the field of literature by Gopalanand Swami in Satsang? (S.R.III)</li> <li>Who constructed Akshar Ordi? (S.R.III)</li> </ol>	13 41
	4. What did Carlos Vega experience on meeting Swamishri? (P.I.)	6
	5. What did Yogiji Maharaj say to the devotees? (P.I.)	X
Q.13	From the given options, place a tick $(\checkmark)$ in the box next to the correct ones.	(8 Marks)
	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. Which of the following demonstrate Kushalkuvarba's devotion towards Shriji Maharaj and his santo? (S.R.III ) 60,62		
	(1) She arranged for the best possible provisions to feed them a variety of rich dishes.	
	(2) She offered her entire kingdom at Shriji Maharaj's feet.	
	(3) She danced with joy when Maharaj served ghee in an unbroken flow.	
	(4) She offered to give her grandson Vijaydev to Maharaj to become a paramhansa.	
	2. Parvatbhai's oneness with sadhus. (S.R.III )	69
	(1) I have taken a vow.	
	(2) Maharaj fulfilled my wish.	
	(3) Would you serve as an attendant of Dada Khachar.	
	(4) I can take them only if my choicest deity takes them.	
	Pramukh Swami's divine personality. (P.I.)	ΧV
	(1) Totally humble, with true heartfelt devotion. (2) Ready to run for help during natural of	
	(3) No expectation for pride or honour or self-respect. (4) No claim for pertaining ownership or	rights.
	4. Narayanswarupdasji- the jewel of Shastriji Maharaj's heart. (P.I.)	xi
	(1) Pure observance of the five cardinal moral injunctions and incomparable devotion to guru.	
	(2) Appointed as President of the Akshar Purushottam Sanstha.	
	(3) Bhagwati diksha on 10-1-1939.	
	(4) Born in Padra.	
044	Section-3: ESSAY	(45 M1 - )
Q.14	Write an essay on any ONE. (In approx 60 lines.)  1. Ideal Guru-Shishya - Specialty of B.A.P.S.  2. The nation's true asset - Moral Youths	(15 Marks )
	3. Mandirs built from alms - Exemplified by Shastriji Maharaj's life.	
Note:		
11016.	will be asked in the Final Examination to be held on Sunday 15 July 2007	

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