



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

(TOTAL MARKS: 100)

SECTION 1: AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA - 2nd Edition, July 1996

Q.1 For any TWO of the following, give three references from the shastras. (6)
(It is compulsory to write the reference shastra and number.)

1. Glory of the Gunatit Sadhu: In the words of Gunatitanand Swami. (101)
2. God is always sakar – in Akshardham and on earth. (22)
3. Cosmic Evolution. (49)
4. To attain brahmabhav, upasana is absolutely indispensable. (4)

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.

1. If Gunatitanand Swami is not Akshardham, then may I incur the sin of destroying as many cosmoses as there are notches on this temple. (146)
2. Boy! Do not indulge in evaluating God. (62)
3. Kahyu bahu prakare kalyan re, ati aganit apraman re. (76)
4. One should endeavour to attain the knowledge of the divine form of God. (36)
5. One should drive out the notion that God is formless. (14)

Q.3 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct ones. (4)

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1. Various forms of Akshar (118)

(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Satchidanand Chidakash Radiance	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> The Divine Abode
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Divine, Personal and Sakar	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Human Form
2. Choose the correct order of cosmic evolution (49)
 - (1) Virat Purush > Brahma > Marichyadik Prajapati
 - (2) Pradhan Purush > Mahatattva > Mahamaya
 - (3) Parabrahman > Aksharbrahman > Aksharapurush
 - (4) Parabrahman > Aksharapurush > Aksharbrahman

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

1. Swami's greatness is eternal. (135)
2. A true upasak should be like this. (58)
3. Shriji Maharaj felt that he was carrying a heavy load and started perspiring. (132)

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

1. Redemption through the pragat form of God or his Sadhu. (82)
2. The Necessity of Aksharbrahman on the path of salvation: To know Parabrahman as he is. (114)
3. The knowledge of divyabhav is necessary for freedom from the bondage of maya and ultimate liberation. (26)
4. Gunatitanand Swami as Mul Akshar: How? (128)

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

1. Akshar and Purushottam are inseparably related. (123)
2. In Shriji Maharaj's lifetime Satyuga prevailed. Similarly, Satyuga prevails in Gunatitanand Swami's presence. (149)
3. Bhakti of the pragat form is the pathway to peace. (80)
4. Ramanand Swami rebuked Lalji Suthar. (59)

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

(What to understand in upasana?) (158 - 160)

1. Aksharbrahman is one, as a sevak-servant. (158)
2. Aksharbrahman, he accepts. (158)
3. The other incarnations Purushottam Narayan. (158)
4. In the final supreme above all. (158)

(What not to understand in Upasana?) (160-161)

5. Without the contact own efforts. (161)
6. There is no Purushottam. (160)
7. Articles such as Mul Aksharbrahman. (161)

[P.T.O.]

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Q.8 Write a short notes on: 'Necessity of knowing God as the All Doer' (11) (5)

**SECTION 2: SATSANG READER PART 3, 4th Edition, April 2009 &
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)

1. "By your grace there is such quality in my speech." (29) **OR**
2. "Spread my supreme glory, otherwise I will make you remain on earth for a hundred years and, if need be, for even a thousand years." (11)
3. "You made me give away the food we had and the money, too. Now what should I bring?" (42) **OR**
4. "From now onwards wear either shoes or slippers that suit you." (20)
5. "For those who bring their troubles and problems to me during the day." (36) **OR**
6. "We have stopped drinking altogether." (29)

Q.10 Give reasons for the following. (In 9 lines each.) (8)

1. Kushalkunvarba invited Paramchaitanyanand Swami to the palace. (61) **OR**
2. Raghuvirji Maharaj arranged a series of holy discourses on Satsangjivan at Vartal. (54)
3. Tears of fulfilment trickled from Dahyabhai's eyes. (25) **OR**
4. President Kenyatta was touched by Swamishri's profound faith and devotion to God. (4)

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

1. Parvatbhai always carried out the wishes of Maharaj. (69)
2. Bhaga Doshi's firmness in Satsang increased. (79)
3. Swamishri's tolerance. (30)
4. Such a home as this is a holy place. (14)

Q.12 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (5)

1. What happened when Kushalkunvarba passed away? (67)
2. Who was travelling to Gadhpur for darshan with his family? (81)
3. What was the name of Raghuvirji Maharaj's wife? (51)
4. What was the final question asked to Swamishri by the reporter from the Sunday Tribune? (8)
5. In which parliaments has Pramukh Swami Maharaj been honoured? (xv)

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

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1. Muktanand Swami's kirtans (24, 27)
(1) "Bhramana bhangi re haiyani, Nathi e vat kene kahyani..."
(2) "Sant vina re sachi kon kahe..."
(3) "Anup Santne apu upma..."
(4) "Chhandike Shri Krishnadev aur ki jo karu sev..."
2. In reference to Shivilal Sheth which are the correct statements (79, 80, 83, 85)
(1) Was an only son. (2) Raghuvirji Maharaj told him not to become a sadhu.
(3) Served Bhai Atmanand Swami. (4) Was affected by the words of bad company in Gadhada.
3. Bhagwan Swaminarayan's eternal succession of Gunatit Sadhus.
(1) Pragji Bhakta. (2) Gopalanand Swami.
(3) Shastriji Maharaj. (4) Tulsidas.
4. Persons who have experienced Swamishri's miracles? (8, 19)
(1) Atmaswarup Swami. (2) Anandswarup Swami.
(3) Narendraprasad Swami. (4) Sadhujivan Swami.

SECTION 3: ESSAY

Q.14 Write an essay on any ONE. (In approx 60 lines.) (15)

1. Student life and the Swaminarayan Mahamantra (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), April 2009, pp. 14-19).
2. The Light of B.A.P.S. in Tribal Areas. (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), April - May 2011)
3. Diet Purity and Ayurveda (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), September 2009, pp. 16-23).



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