BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA

SATSANG EXAMINATIONS (**Satsang Pravesh : Paper - 1 - Pre-Test: 14 June 2015**)

☞ Important Instructions For Satsang Exam Students ☜

1. Students can appear for the Satsang Exams from Prarambh to Pragna - 3 after passing each exam.

2. Satsang exam is only valid for use by the candidate identified on the top sheet, and only at the designated center, in the specified medium (Gujarati, Hindi, English) and for the exam level (e.g. Prarambha, Pravesh, Parichay, etc.) indicated. **Any difference will not be allowed and considered as disqualify.**

3. The medium (Gujarati, English, Hindi) and the exam level in which candidates take **the Pre-Test** will be the medium in which they must take the Final Exam. Answer books bearing details of candidates different from the Final List **will not be accepted for marking.**

4. On the day of the Final Satsang Examinations, all examinees should obtain the signature of the class supervisor on the top sheet of answer book bearing their own personal details only. Answer books without the signature of the Class Supervisor will **not** be accepted for marking**.**

5. Write your answers with either a blue or black pen only. Answers written in pencil, or with a red, green or any other coloured pen will **not be considered valid.** Answers written in more than one coloured ink will not be considered valid.

6. Follow the instructions while answering. Answers crossed out will not be considered valid. Answers will not be considered valid if they are not written in legible handwriting. Please write clearly and legibly. **Answer papers with more than one type of handwriting will not be accepted and considered as disqualify.**

7. Examinations taken at **unauthorized locations** or in which the exam rules have been violated will not be considered valid.

8. Without the prior permission of the Satsang Exam Division in India, answer papers written by substitute writers in place of the original candidate will **not be accepted for marking.**

9. Candidates who wish to change the center at which they will sit the Final Exam **must inform and take prior permission** of the Satsang Exam Division in India. Otherwise there answer sheet **not be accepted for marking**.

10. Candidates who have registered for both papers of Satsang Pragna Exam and candidates sitting the Satsang Pravesh, Parichay and Pravin exams should give both papers. **Presence in only one paper will not be accepted for marking**.

11. In the Final Examination answers written on extra pages will not be accepted for marking.

12. Candidates will not be allowed to keep any electronic items, such as, mobile phones, tablets, laptops, etc. in the examination room.

13. Before filling the Application Form for the Pragna Exam, Please note the following points:

- Students according to their choice can appear for both the Question Papers in the same year or appear for the 1st paper in the first and the 2nd paper in the following year for any of the Pragna Exams. **One can only appear for the 2nd Paper after passing the 1st Paper.** Candidates opting to sit only one of the two papers for any of the Pragna examinations must score 45 Marks to pass.
- Student should make his/her choice while registration. Pragna candidate can choice first paper or Both papers. **Select the first paper if the student wishes to appear for the first paper and if he/she wishes to appear for both papers select both papers.** Candidates who have registered for both papers of Satsang Pragna Exam should give both papers. **Presence in only one paper will considered as disqualify.** Candidates who appear for both papers in the same year must score a combined minimum of 90 Marks to pass.
- After passing the 1st paper, one can **postpone** appearing for the 2nd paper for a **maximum of 1 Year.**
- If two students are eligible for a prize then the one who has appeared for **both exams together** will be **rewarded with 10% marks** and thus become a candidate for the prize.
- **Note : Now all students who have passed the India Pravin Exams can appear for the Pragna - 1 Exam.**

14. No valid registration!!! No result.

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SATSANG EXAMINATIONS (PRE-TEST: 14 JUNE 2015)

TIME: 9:00 TO 11:15 A.M. **SATSANG PRAVESH : PAPER - 1**

(Note: Figures after the question indicate the page number of the answer.) **(TOTAL MARKS: 75)**

SECTION 1: NILKANTH CHARITRA - 6th Edition, December 2010

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

1. "I have only one demand to make." (33)
2. "I could not pronounce a judgement contrary to the commands of the shastras." (54)
3. "Why did you drive him out of this mandir of Ramchandraji?" (42)

Q.2 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). **(6)**

1. Bhagwandas was much pleased to see the feet of Nilkanth Varni. (61-62)
2. Nilkanth Varni described the features of Ramanand Swami. (107)
3. Bhana Pathak was pleased. (79)

Q.3 Write short notes on any <u>ONE</u> of the following. (In 15 lines.) **(5)**

1. Darshan in two forms (93-95)
2. Defeat of Pibek (34-37)
3. Nilkanth Varni at the house of Jairamdas (43-44)

Q.4 Answer <u>ALL</u> of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. **(5)**

1. Whom did the priest of Badrinath Mandir see in Nilkanth Varni? (13)
2. What made the bawas in Puri burn with envy? (50)
3. From whom is Nilkanth Varni distinct, unattached and free? (8)
4. What had Sevakram studied? (56)
5. Where was Nilkanth Varni proceeding when he met Himalaya, the God of the mountains? (23)

Q.5 From the given options, place a tick (✔) in the box next to the correct ones. **(4)**

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. Destruction of ghosts (20-22)
   - (1) ☐ Kalbhairav shouted, "Come on, jump on that boy and monkey."
   - (2) ☐ With a roar Hanumanji rushed towards the ghosts.
   - (3) ☐ Kalbhairav defeated Hanumanji.
   - (4) ☐ Due to Nilkanth Varni's vision, Kalbhairav's head sank into his trunk.
2. Miracles galore (99)
   - (1) ☐ Make the universe seen in the dung.
   - (2) ☐ Sixteen maunds of cucumbers remained a foot above his head.
   - (3) ☐ Make the universe seen in the lake.
   - (4) ☐ Four maunds of cucumbers remained a foot above his head.

Q.6 Fill in the blanks. **(4)**

1. Daily ..... Swami had Sahajanand Swami's body massaged with ..... oil. (112)
2. Narsinh Mehta of ..... used to worship the ..... (85)
3. Letter from Nilkanth Varni was conveyed to ..... by ..... (103)
4. Nilkanth Varni described the importance of worshipping ..... and ..... to King Satradharma. (52)

SECTION 2: SATSANG READER PART 1 - 6th Edition, April 2011.

Q.7 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. **(9)**

1. "Even an ordinary bawa or vairagi leaves his mark by establishing an ashram sometime during his life." (36)
2. "To me, it all sounds like a hoax." (2)
3. "Maharaj lit up the room with a beam of light from the big toe of his right foot." (28)

Q.8 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). **(4)**

1. Abhel Khachar asked for Jivuba's forgiveness. (49)
2. Shivji granted a boon to Devidan. (17)

Q.9 Write short notes on 'Shriji Maharaj used to look after Shukmuni in many different ways.' (25-26) **(In 15 lines.) (5)**

[P.T.O.]

Please note that I have been present personally in the Pre-Test **"Satsang Pravesh : Paper - 1"** Exam organized by the Satsang Shikshan Pariksha Karyalay, Ahmedabad. Please note that the following details filled are true.

	Date	Month	Year
Birthdate of Examinee:	☐☐	☐☐	☐☐☐☐

Exam Date and Time:

Signature of Examinee:

Note: Only those who are present have to fill in this slip and give it to their Exam Supervisor. The slip of only those who are present have to be filled and sent to the Satsang Shikshan Pariksha Karyalay, Ahmedabad. (Presence slip which is not completely filled up will not be considered valid.)

Q.10 Answer <u>ALL</u> of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. **(4)**

1. With whom did Ramanand Swami come to Panchala? (31)
2. What did Swamishri say when refusing Ashabhai to go to Chhota Udepur? (72)
3. Under whose care did Shriji Maharaj put Devidan? (18)
4. Where was Nirgun Swami brought in his last ilness? (68)

Q.11 Select the <u>SIX</u> correct sentences from below and write them in the correct story sequence in the boxes. **(6)**

Topic: Joban Pagi became Valmiki from Valyo (41-48)

1. In Jetalpur, Shriji Maharaj organized a grand yagna. **2.** Joban Pagi came with his two brothers to steal the horse. **3.** He, who had made Gujarat tremble for years was now a devotee. **4.** The fame of Chetak had spread far and wide. **5.** Joban Pagi jumped onto the stage and fell at Shriji Maharaj's feet. **6.** Joban was tempted by Shriji Maharaj's horse. "If I had such a horse, I could cover many kilometres in a night." **7.** "I came here at night to steal your horse, but before every horse, I had your darshan." **8.** "Oh compassionate one! Please have pity on me. Please free me from my sins." **9.** Joban entered the horse stable to steal Maharaj's horse – Rojho – on a dark night. **10.** "Lord, Brahmanand Swami had told me much of your greatness." **11.** Muktanand Swami patted his back and comforted him. **12.** Joban put flowers at Shriji Maharaj's feet.

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

Note: (1) 3 marks will be awarded for the correct sentence numbers only if ALL SIX sentence numbers are correct and (2) 3 marks will be awarded only if the whole sequence of sentence numbers are correct. Otherwise no marks will be given.

Q.12 Rewrite the incorrect sentences below in relation to the sentence heading. **(4)**

Note: Mark will be awarded only if a sentence is written completely correct. Otherwise no mark will be awarded.

Example: Swami Yagnapriyadasji: Once, while wandering on the farm, Motibhai's son, Jethabhai, was bit by a scorpion and Desai soon passed away. Then he came with Shriji Maharaj and said "Narayan" to Motibhai.

Ans. **Swami Yagnapriyadasji:** Once, while **<u>working in the pasture</u>**, **<u>Ashabhai</u>**'s son, **<u>Desaibhai</u>**, was bit by a **<u>snake</u>** and Desai soon passed away. Then he came with **<u>Bhagatji Maharaj</u>** and said "**<u>Jai Swaminarayan</u>**" to **<u>Ashabhai</u>**.

1. **Bhaktaraj Jivuba:** Abhel Khachar originally was a follower of Atmanand Swami, and so he was aware that Ramanand Swami had appointed Muktanand Swami as his successor and head of the Sampraday. (53)
2. **Sadguru Shukanand Swami:** Jagannath, a Rajput originally from Anand, had settled in Rundel. He was born in Samvat 1865. (23)
3. **Bhaktaraj Shri Jhinabhai Darbar:** Shriji Maharaj asked Jhinabhai whether he wished to ask for anything for his son, Mahipatsinh. "If he becomes your sadhu, you will look after him, whether I ask you to or not." Jhinabhai replied. (38)
4. **Sadguru Brahmanand Swami:** "In this world, there is not even a foot of land where there is any God other than you." (11)

SECTION 3: ESSAY

Q.13 Write an essay on any <u>ONE</u> of the following. (In approximately 30 lines.) **(10)**

1. An auspicious lamp manifests in the courtyard of Charotar: Shastriji Maharaj (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), February 2014, pp. 4-5)
2. From the dais of Shastriji Maharaj's Saardh Shatabdi Mahotsav: Pujya Ishwarcharandas Swami (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), March-April 2015, pp. 22-23)
3. Shastriji Maharaj Saardh Shatabdi Mahotsav: The festival of sacred inspirations. (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), March-April 2015, pp. 5-7, 80)

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Note: A few of the questions in this Pre-Test Paper will be asked in the Final Examination to be held on Sunday, 5 July 2015. In Main Exam answers written on extra pages will not be considered valid. Without the prior permission of the Pariksha Karyalay in Ahmedabad, answer papers written by substitute writers in place of the original candidate will not be accepted. Answer papers with more than one type of handwriting will not be accepted. Answers crossed out will not be considered valid. Answers will not be considered valid if it is not written in neat and clean hand writing. Use the latest editions of the exam books. Candidates will not be allowed to keep any electronic items, such as, mobile phones, tablets, laptops, etc. in the examination room.

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