BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA

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

Important Instructions For Satsang Exam Students Sa

- 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 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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ТІМЕ	BAPS :: 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. SATSANG PRAVIN : PAPER - 1	
(Note: Figures after the question indicate the page number of the answer.) (TOTAL MARKS: 100)		
	SECTION 1: AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA - 3 rd Edition, May 2012	
Q.1	For any <u>TWO</u> of the following, give three references from the scriptures. (6) (It is compulsory to write the reference scripture and number.)	
	1. The necessity of Aksharbrahman on the path of liberation: To become brahmarup (121)	
	2. Glory of the Gunatit sadhu: In other Shastras (112)	
	3. How is God karta? (4-5)	
Q.2	Given below are references from the scriptures, principles or stanzas.	
	(5) Example: "Mary dom observe Alcohor Amry iony nome Tome by roby re-disbuilding odd optor"	
	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. "These talks are as piercing as the sharpest of arrows." (42)	
	2. "Je je thay chhe jaktama, teno bijo nathi karnar." (6)	
	3. "The ultimate jnan is to recognize this Sadhu." (78-80)	
	 "Realize that the form amidst the divine light is this Maharaj visible before you." (41) "Kahyu bahu prakare kalyan re, ati aganit apraman re; 	
	Pan sahuthi saras Santma re, rakhyu Valame eni vatma re." (75-78)	
Q.3	From the given options, place a tick (\checkmark) 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. Pragat Bhakti: The pathway to peace: (83)	
	 (1) Vyasji experienced peace after composing the Mahabharat. (2) "Go to Parvatbhai and you will find peace." 	
	(3) Meditate on the roof tiles of Dada Khachar's house.	
	(4) "Pragatna bhajanthi param sukh pamie, ura thaki nash pame andharu."	
	2. The need to become brahmarup - for unhindered devotion (119)	
	(1) Only one who is brahmarup has the right to offer bhakti to Purushottam.	
	(2) (Thus, one who does not offer bhakti to Parabrahman after becoming brahmarup cannot	
	be said to have attained ultimate liberation.' (3) 'There are no faults in one who is brahmarup.'	
	 (3) 'There are no faults in one who is brahmarup.' (4) 'Nijatmanam brahmarupam' - if this instruction is followed the causal body is destroyed. 	
Q.4	Describe any <u>ONE</u> of the following and highlight its significance. (4)	
	1. Gifted Akshardham to Kurji Dave. (142-143)	
	 Gopaljidada reprimanded Gunatitanand Swami. (148) Wherever he is, I am there. And wherever I am, he is also there. (143-144) 	
Q.5	Write briefly on any <u>TWO</u> of the following. (In 12 lines each.) (8)	
	1. Shriji Maharaj: The Supreme. In the words of the paramhansas. (45-49)	
	2. Gunatitanand Swami is Mul Akshar. How? (137-138)	
	 God with a form as well as all-pervasive. (17-19) The need to become brahmarup: For ultimate liberation. (120) 	
Q.6	Explain any <u>TWO</u> of the following, giving reasons. (In 12 lines each.) (8)	
	1. Without knowing Shriji Maharaj as Purushottam, it is not possible to go to Akshardham. (33-34)	
	2. The Lords of countless abodes and the liberated souls in them are drawn to Shriji Maharaj's murti. (43)	
07	 Mota Atmanand Swami firmly understood the supremacy of Shriji Maharaj. (63) Complete the following statements based on summary. (7) 	
G.7	(What to understand in upasana?)	
	1. Parabrahman is forever cause of all creation. (169)	
	2. The five entities separate from each other. (168)	
	 The form, qualities, powers chaitanya forms and prevades them. (170) In the personal attendant ideal for the akshar muktas. (170-171) 	
	(What not to understand in Upasana?)	
	5. Paramhansas other than Mul Aksharbrahman. (174)	
	6. Aksharbrahman as the personal only divine light. (174)	
	7. Only Aksharbrahman only through him. (174) 	
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	"Satsang Pravin : Paper - 1" Exam organized by the	
	sang Shikshan Pariksha Karyalay, Ahmedabad. Please	
note	that the following details filled are true.	
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Signature of Examinee:		
	e: 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.8 Write a short notes on: Origin of the Understanding of God as Nirakar (13-15)	(5)	
SECTION 2: SATSANG READER PART 3, 4 th Edition, April 2009 &		
PORTRAIT OF INSPIRATION - PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ, 2 nd Edition, April 2011		
Q.9 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when.	(9)	
1. "So in this birth let us endure it for the sake of Maharaj." (25) OR 2. "I had to hurry back." (2	.)	
3. "Tell the sadhus not to add water." (65) OR 4. "Four days back, I saw you in my dream	." (3)	
5. "Now, take rest. Don't go out anywhere." (7) OR 6. "How many sons do you have?" (28)		
Q.10 Give reasons for the following. (In 9 lines each.)	(8)	
1. Raghuvirji Maharaj went to Junagadh as a pilgrim. (56) OR		
 Shivlalbhai was indeed not affected even a bit. (84) The youth broke down. (2) OR 		
4. Mr. Carlos Vega left contented and enlightened. (6)		
Q.11 Answer the following concisely. (12 lines each.)	(8)	
1. Parvatbhai always carried out the inner wishes of Shriji Maharaj. (69) OR	(0)	
2. Conversation between Ramanand Swami and Lalji Bhakta. (37)		
3. Faith in prayer. (37) OR		
4. Relief to an aching heart. (34-35)		
Q.12 Answer <u>ALL</u> of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer.	(5)	
1. Who, when and where did Khushal Bhakta initiate into the sadhu order? (Samvat, Month, Tithi) (5)	
2. Who welcomed Muktanand Swami and his group of sadhus in the Royal Court of Vadodara? (17)		
3. What began to move in river Und according to the wishes of Shriji Maharaj? (39)		
4. Who is divine and who is devil? (39)		
5. In which village and to whose house did Swamishri go while going to Bochasan from Bhavanpura	• •	
Q.13 From the given options, place a tick (\checkmark) in the box next to the correct ones.	(8)	
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1. Kirtans written by Muktanand Swami: (27)		
(1) Chhandike Shri Krishnadev aur ki jo karu sev (2) Sukhdayak re Swami Sahajana	nd	
(3) Mayiri mei to Purushottam var payo (4) Bhagya jagya re aj janava		
2. Example of Nishkulanand Swami's master craftmanship. (46)		
(1) Arches for the domes of Dholera mandir.		
(3) Built a boat in Bhadra. (4) A twelve-door swing in Vartal.		
3. Various heads of government and royalty who have been touched by Swamishri's saintliness. (xv)	
(1) Prince Charles (2) Bill Clinton (3) David Blair (4) Dalai Lama		
4. Swamishri's words of wisdom: (39-41)		
(1) Youths are my heart.		
(2) In the joy of others lies our own.		
(3) Satsang is the soap that cleanses the mind.		
(4) The atma hungers for peace; and hunger cannot be satisfied through material things.		
SECTION 3: ESSAY		
Q.14 Write an essay on any <u>ONE</u> . (In approx 60 lines.)	(15)	
1. Vadodara and the Swaminarayan Satsang.		
(Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), March-April 2015, pp. 8-11)		
 Nectar-drops of Guru's Memories: Guru Shastriji Maharaj accepted me. (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), December 2014, pp. 6-13) 		
3. Pious promise of Shastriji Maharaj: My work shall continue		
(Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), March-April 2015, pp. 43-45, 38)		
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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		
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Important Note: Past Papers and their solutions can be downloaded and printed free from the B.A.P.S. Swaminarayan Sanstha's website - link : http://www.baps.org/Satsang-Exams.aspx