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BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHARPURUSHOTTAM SANSTHA

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SATSANG SHIKSHAN PARIKSHA

SATSANG PRAVESH PAPER-1

Date : 15th FEB 1998

Time : 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. **TOTAL MARKS : 75**

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

SECTION-1 (NILKANTH CHARITRA)

- Q.1 For any <u>TWO</u> of the following, state who is speaking to whom and when the words were spoken.
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- 1. "How great is Neelkanth ?"
- 2. "You recite the Ramayan, but why don't you follow the religion ?"
- 3. "If you are sincere and earnest in your quest, you will find the God incarnate right here."
- 4. "Since it has life in it, I won't pluck it."

Q.2. Give reasons for any <u>TWO</u> of the following.

(in 12 lines)

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- 1. Muktanand Swami said to the women, "Good bye to you all."
- 2. The farmer and his laborers discontinued the drinking of charamvir (leather touched water).
- 3. Neelkanth abandoned Sevakram.
- 4. Neelkanthvarni cursed His own words.

- Q.3. Answer concisely any <u>ONE</u> of the following. (in 12 lines)
 - 1. Sahajanand Swami asked for boons from Ramanand Swami.
 - 2. Severe penance in Pulhashram.
 - 3. Redemption of Jambuvan.

Q.4. Answer <u>ALL</u> of the questions below, using only one sentence for each answer.

- 1. Where was Neelkanth proceeding towards when He met God Himalaya ?
- 2. What did Lakhu Charan ask Neelkanth for ?
- 3. What name(s) did Ramanand Swami give Neelkanth after giving Him Diksha ?
- 4. How did Bhagwandas' mother instruct Bhagwandas to identify God ?
- 5. What did Ramanand Swami say wherever he went?
- 6. How long did Neelkanth continuously travel for before arriving at Loj?

Q.5. Narrate any <u>ONE</u> of the following and bring out its moral (in 12 lines).

- 1. Hanumanji's services
- 2. The police chief in a trance
- 3. Neelkanth at Kapilashram

Q.6. Fill in the blanks.

- 1. At Neelkanth participated in the Rathyatra (chariot procession).
- 2. Ramanand Swami performed the arati of Shajanand Swami in the village of
- 3. The separate letters written by Neelkanth Varni

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and Muktanand Swami were delivered to Ramanand Swami by

4. Neelkanth arrived at Loj in the year V.S. and the month of

SECTION-2

(SATSANG READER PART-I)

Q.7. For any <u>TWO</u> of the following, state who is speaking to whom and when the words were spoken. 6

- 1. "I want to observe celibacy and devote myself to the worship of God."
- 2. "This smaller sadhu sitting on the ground is the real Brahman and that one sitting on the raised seat is a fake Brahman."
- 3. "I shall be going away to dham (to God's abode) tomorrow. So prepare the wooden carrier for me to be carried to the funeral pyre."
- 4. "I had written it just to please Maharaj."

Q.8. Give reasons for any <u>TWO</u> of the following. (in 12 lines)8

- 1. Maharaj celebrated the Holi Festival in Vadtal.
- 2. Maharaj soon recovered from His illness in Panchala.
- 3. Shastriji Maharaj was greatly pleased with Ashabhai and so he took the devotee in his arms.
- 4. The haribhaktas felt deep respect and admiration for Nirgundas Swami.

- Q.9. Write concisely about any <u>ONE</u> of the following (in 12 lines)
 - 1. Brahmanand Swami's skill of composing poems instantly.
 - 2. Maharaj looked after Shukmuni Swami in many ways.
 - 3. Jeevuba's devotion

Q.10. Answer <u>ALL</u> of the following, using only one sentence for each answer.

- 1. Who was the poet, Dalpatram, a disciple of ?
- 2. What boon did Bhagatji Maharaj bestow upon Jethabhai ?
- 3. Which devotee did Jheenabhai serve personally ?
- 4. What three things had been very helpful to Maharaj?
- 5. Who initiated Vipra Jagannath ?
- 6. Name any two of Brahmanand Swami's literary works ?

Q.11.Narrate briefly any <u>ONE</u> of the following and bring out its moral (in 12 lines)

- 1. Nirgundas Swami's contribution to the spread of satsang.
- 2. Devanand Swami's musical talents.
- 3. Maharaj celebrates the Fuldol (Holi) festival at Panchala.
 - SECTION-3 (ESSAY)

Q.12. Write on any <u>ONE</u> of the following.

(in approx. 45 lines)

- 1. Neelkanth's desire to redeem.
- 2. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's saintliness.
- 3. The Sanstha's child development activities.

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