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SECTION-1: AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA

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

1. Necessity of understanding supremacy.

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2. How is God sakar?
3. Redemption through the Pragat form of God or his sadhu.
4. The necessity of Aksharbrahman on the path of salvation.

Q.2. Given below are references from the scriptures, principles or stanzas. Write the topic they relate to. (5)

Example: "One who believes God as formless and abstract becomes the worst sinner, even worse than one who has committed the five grave sins."

Ans: Disadvantages of understanding God as nirakar.

1. One may falter in the observance of the tenets of dharma or in other forms of sadhana. But if one is steadfast in upasana, one never suffers a setback.

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2. But knowing them to be fully divine, he progresses like the waxing of the moon.
3. "Kalash chadavyo kalyanano re, Sahuna mastak par mod..."
4. Such scriptural descriptions of the divine form of God are not a matter of mere mundane thinking.
5. Yasya deve parabhaktiryatha deve tatha gurau ।
   Tasyaite kathita hartha prakashante mahatmanaha ।।

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

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. Aksharbrahman's form (swarup)
   - (a) ☐ How did you describe me?
   - (b) ☐ Brahman is always static, unchangeable and indivisible.
   - (c) ☐ This form is unaffacted by Purush, Prakriti, and others.
   - (d) ☐ Eva motana darshan muki, Kem avya chho Kachchhma chuki?
2. Shriji Maharaj: the all-doer.
   - (a) ☐ Gadhada III-35 (b) ☐ Gadhada II-35
   - (c) ☐ Amdavad-7 (d) ☐ Gadhada III-7

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

1. Though insulted Gunatitanand Swami was forthright.

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Significance:

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2. In Junagadh, Bapu Ratanji develops a firm understanding.
3. Maharaj gifted Akshardham to Kurji Dave.

Q.5. Write briefly on any <u>TWO</u> of the following. (In 12 lines each.) **(8)**

1. Glory of the Gunatit Sadhu: In the poems of the paramhansas.
2. Characteristics of the Gunatit Sadhu.
3. Upasana of Purushottam with Swami-Servant understanding.
4. One who believes God as formless and abstract becomes a worse sinner than one who has commited five grave sins.

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Q.6. Explain any <u>TWO</u> of the following, giving reasons. (In 12 lines each.) **(8)**

1. Pramukh Swami Maharaj can be said to have met Shri Hari.
2. God is always sakar and has a divine form.
3. Vagha Khachar attained unhindered vision.
4. Shastriji Maharaj said, "One should have affection for Dham, Dhami, and muktas."

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

What to understand in upasana?

1. Served by millions .....

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..... nirgun.
2. The sagun and ..... subtlest of the subtle.
3. Parabrahman ..... pragat on earth.
4. In the final stage of redemption, ... supreme above all.

What not to understand in upasana?

5. Paramhansas ..... Mul Aksharbrahman.
6. Only Purushottam ..... Aksharbrahman.
7. There is no ..... Purushottam.

Q.8. Write short notes: Shriji Maharaj - The supreme. **(5)**

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SECTION-2: SATSANG READER-III & PORTRAIT OF INSPIRATION – PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ

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

1. "Deprived of the company of sadhus and the oppurtunity to serve them." **OR**
2. "If I were made responsible for all the administration I would spiritually degenerate."

( ) Who is speaking? ..... To whom? .....

When? .....

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3. "Request Raghuvirji Maharaj to awaken the sadhu from samadhi." **OR**
4 "It is not for us, therefore give it up."
5. "The rain won't dissolve us." **OR**
6. "I took him to a psychiatrist for a minor mental problem."

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

1. Parvatbhai was ready to become an attendant. **OR**
2. Vaga Khachar of Sarangpur was able to serve the sadhus and devotees.

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3. Jomo Kenyetta experienced the humility of Swamishri. **OR**
4. The Satpurush has no language barrier.

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

1. "Anubhavine antare rahe....." Explain the kirtan. **OR**
2. Politeness of Shivlal Sheth.

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3. The height of selfless love and empathy. **OR**
4. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's Care and Affection for Children.

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

1. In which village did Maharaj initiate Lalji Suthar?

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2. Which principle did Muktanand Swami establish in the debate in Vadodara?
3. Who was constructed the well at Adalaj?
4. According to Pramukh Swami Maharaj, how is world peace possible?
5. What would Gujarat have been like if Sahajanand Swami had not come here?

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

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. How did Rahuvirji Maharaj do samagam of Gunatitanand Swami in Junagadh?

(1) ☐ In the afternoon he did not sleep and attended Swami's discourse instead.

(2) ☐ He got his attendant to cook simple food for him.

(3) ☐ He would get ready and attend the discourse after mangala arti.

(4) ☐ He would get ready and attend the discourse after shangar arti.

2. Requests made by Kushalkunvarba to Maharaj.

(1) ☐ Maharaj to offer vartmans to everyone.

(2) ☐ O Maharaj! This kingdom, the treasury and everything is yours.

(3) ☐ Please stay here forever.

(4) ☐ Utilize this wealth as you wish.

3. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's spirituality.

(1) ☐ Profoundly devout and egoless personality.

(2) ☐ Rushes to help people during natural calamities.

(3) ☐ No desire for honour or fame.

(4) ☐ Claims no propreitorship.

4. Service flows in Swamishri's blood.

(1) ☐ Cleaned the devotees' toilets. (2) ☐ Het to kare chhe kevu, anant janani jevu.

(3) ☐ Always experiences samadhi. (4) ☐ Collected the used datan sticks.

SECTION-3: ESSAY

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

1. Ghar Sabha is our home's true ornament.
2. No knowledge without the Guru.
3. 'May God do good of all...' - Yogiji Maharaj's motto for the benefit of all.

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