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Section 1: Akshar Purushottam Upasana - 3rd Edition, May 2012**Q.1 Describe any ONE of the following and highlight its significance.****[4]**

1. Shriji Maharaj asked the paramhansas: "Why do you call me God?" (62–63)
2. Swarupanand Swami realized his mistake. (84)
3. By the divine Swaminarayan mantra, jivas were freed from the torments of hell. (56)

Q.2 For any TWO of the following, give three references from the scriptures.**[6]****(It is compulsory to write the reference of scripture and number.)**

1. Akshardham: The Highest Abode; Shriji Maharaj: The Supreme. (35–39)
2. Only One Pragat Form of Shriji Maharaj. (96–99)
3. The Importance of Devotion to the Pragat Form of God (80–82)

Q.3 Given below are references from the scriptures, principles or stanzas.**Write the topic they relate to.****[5]****Example:** "To realize God as being formless is a sin much graver than even the five grave sins."**Ans:** Disadvantages of understanding God As Nirakar.

1. "Tyaktva deham punarjanma naiti mameti so'rjuna." (24)
2. The Sadhu continually beholds this great God in his heart. Therefore, he is great. (106)
3. Akshardham (evo je Akshsrrup Dham) is the greatest of the great. (131)
4. "Vanchi kagal koi kanthno, jem nar apar raji thai." (91)
5. We should not follow the example of Ravan or Shurpankha; but should follow the example of Vibhishan. (136)

Q.4 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct options.**[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. Aksharbrahman: As Satchidanand Chidakash Radiance (126-127)
 - (1) ☐ Aksharbrahman is imperceptibly sagun
 - (2) ☐ It possesses no causeeffect relationship
 - (3) ☐ It is beyond creation and dissolution
 - (4) ☐ This Akshar as Chidakash is imperishable
2. The necessity of Aksharbrahman on the path of liberation (121)
 - (1) ☐ For pragat bhakti
 - (2) ☐ To become brahmarup
 - (3) ☐ Like to be Purushottam
 - (4) ☐ To know prabrahman as he is

Q.5 Write briefly on any TWO of the following (in 12 lines each).**[8]**

1. Above all but respect for all. (72–74)
2. Glory of the Guntit Sadhu: In the words of Bhagwan Swaminarayan (103–106)
3. Disadvantages of perceiving manushyabhav in the great purush. (29–31)

Q.6 Explain any TWO of the following, giving reasons (in 12 lines each).**[8]**

1. Shitaldas was able to assume countless forms. (54–55)
2. Purushottam Bhagwan always possesses a form. (15–17)
3. Just as the form in the abode is Gunatit, the human form is also Gunatit. (23)

Q.7 Complete the following statements based on the summary.**[7]****(What to understand in upasana?)**

1. Aksharbrahman is separate from Parabrahman free of all faults. (170)
2. Mumukshu jivas and ishwars who endeavour experience the highest bliss of paramatma. (172–173)
3. By the wish of Paramatma bliss of the God of Akshardham, Parabrahman. (173)
4. Jiva is an eternal Chaitanya by Maya since eternity. (172)

(What not to understand in upasana?)

5. Shriji Maharaj acharyas or devotees. (174)
6. Moksha can be achieved by minimizing their importance. (175)
7. When God manifests on earth during that period. (174)

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Q.8 Write a short note on: 'Gunatitanand Swami is Akshar: From his Life and Work.' (163–167) [5]

**Section 2: Satsang Reader Part 3, 5th Edition, June 2015 &
Portrait of Inspiration: Pramukh Swami Maharaj, 2nd Edition, April 2011**

Q.9 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. [9]

1. "If Hamir remains away from the satsang he will degenerate further." (9–10)
2. "Even today, I have not been able to remove that gesture from my mind." (17–18)
3. "From now onwards wear either shoes or slippers that suit you." (20)

Q.10 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. [5]

1. Who was Shivalal Sheth in his past life? (70)
2. Whom did Gopalanand Swami send into samadhi in Surat? (46–47)
3. What instruction had Ramanand Swami issued for all devotees? (33)
4. Why should we live in society peacefully by opinion of Dr. Radhakrishnan? (vii)
5. What blessings did Swamishri give to Ratansinh? (31)

Q.11 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct options. [8]

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. According to Gunatitanand Swami, what are the duties of the Acharya? (48)
(1) ☐ Maintain the Satsang (2) ☐ Expand the Sanstha
(3) ☐ Gives tithes and donations (4) ☐ Write scriptures
2. Which one Swami's talk of satsang to Kushalkunvarba. (54–55)
(1) ☐ paramatmanand Swami (2) ☐ Muktanand Swami
(3) ☐ Krupanand Swami (4) ☐ Paramchaitanyanand Swami
3. Pramukh Swami's prayers (36)
(1) ☐ At the time of his bypass surgery (2) ☐ In London at late night, for rains
(3) ☐ For Frank's peace of mind (4) ☐ Those who bring their problems to him
4. The words echoed with pride. (29)
(1) ☐ We have disciples of Mahant Swami Maharaj (2) ☐ Vachanamrut was being read.
(3) ☐ The Harijan ghetto of the village of Bhoj (4) ☐ A liquor party in the festival of Janmathami

Q.12 Give reasons for the following (in 9 lines each). [8]

1. Maharaj censured the Kathis: "Do you spoil things in this way at your own homes?" (62) **OR**
2. Nishkulanand Swami went to beg alms at the place of his in-laws. (37)
3. Swamishri told Bhagvatcharan Swami to respect Thakorji. (4) **OR**
4. On arriving at Dar-es-salam airport, the African officials began interrogating Swamishri and his entourage. (15)

Q.13 Answer the following concisely (12 lines each). [8]

1. Khushal Bhagat's childhood miracles. (2–3) **OR**
2. Muktanand Swami's tolerance. (26–27)
3. We are all God's people. (5) **OR**
4. 'Het to kare chhe kevu, anant janani jevu.' (2)

Section 3: ESSAY

Q.14 Write an essay on any ONE of the following: (In approximately 60 lines.) [15]

1. Amar Varaso Gunatitno: Parabhakti
(Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati) November 2018, pp. 12 to 14)
2. Glorious history of BAPS Satsang in Rajkot.
(Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati) January-February 2019, pp. 5 to 9)
3. Swamini Vato: Spiritual status due to wisdom is greater
(Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati) October 2018, pp. 18 to 19)

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