

**SATSANG EXAMINATIONS (PRE-TEST: 24 JUNE 2018)**

TIME: 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

SATSANG PRAVIN: PAPER - 1

(Note: The figure after each question indicates the page number of the answer in the textbook.) (TOTAL MARKS: 100)

SECTION 1: AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA - 3rd Edition, May 2012**Q.1 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. Aksharbrahman: As the Divine Abode. (127-128)
2. The Pragat Form of God after Shriji Maharaj's Return to Akshardham. (93-96)
3. Liking for Sakar. (9-11)

Q.2 Given below are references from the scriptures, principles or stanzas. [5]

Write the topic they relate to.

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. "Sarva avatar ema samay, pote koi ma lin na thay." (55)
2. "Only the talking-walking form of God can be called pratyaksh-manifest." (77)
3. "One who had known God in this way can be said to have known God perfectly. For him, maya can be said to have been eradicated." (26)
4. "Parokshthi bhavatano par ave nahi, Veda Vedant kahe satya vani." (90)
5. "The devotee should still understand that whatever happens is as willed by my master. Without his will, nobody can move even a leaf" (8)

Q.3 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. Gunatitanand Swami is Akshar: Other Evidence (161-162)
 - (1) ☐ Those who have recognized this Sadhu have both feet in Akshardham.
 - (2) ☐ Referred as expenditure on 'Akshar Vadi', in the account books.
 - (3) ☐ The shrine has been known in the Sampradaya as 'Akshar Deri'.
 - (4) ☐ The painted murtis of the mandirs in Sorath region are prefixed with the words 'Anadi Mul Akshar'.
2. Gunatitanand Swami is Akshar: Scriptural Evidence (138-139)
 - (1) ☐ Aksharmurti Gunatitanand Swami, tene apya vartman
 - (2) ☐ Dayalu tame daya kari lavya, Mul Mukthane sath
 - (3) ☐ Mulji Sharmane diksham dadanasya prajayate I
 - (4) ☐ Vandu Gunatitanand Swami, jehi par rijhe Antaryami.

Q.4 Describe any ONE of the following and highlight its significance. [4]

1. You are simpletons like doves. (60)
2. Darshan of the 24 incarnations. (55)
3. Mota Atmanand Swami understood the supremacy of Maharaj. (63)

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

1. To achieve liberation, upasana is absolutely indispensable. (2-3)
2. How is God sakar? (15-17)
3. Glory of the Gunatit Sadhu: In the bhajans of well-known devotee-poets. (110-112)

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

1. Aksharbrahman has a prominent place in the Swaminarayan upasana. (115-116)
2. To become a devotee of the highest calibre in this very life one should serve the Sant who possesses the highest qualities. (105)
3. For such ekantik bhaktas, leaving the body is not considered to be death. (29)

Q.7 Complete the following statements based on the summary. [7]

(What to understand in upasana?)

1. The meaning of the Swaminarayan Mahamantra Parabrahman Purushottam Narayan. (173)
2. While remaining present and is their support. (169)
3. In the form of the guru experience of the highest bliss. (171)
4. That manifest form of Parabrahman through the Aksharbrahman guru. (170)

[P.T.O.]

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(What not to understand in upasana?)

5. Articles such as footwear equivalent to Mul Aksharbrahman. (174)
6. Aksharbrahman as the personal is only divine light. (174)
7. Only Aksharbrahman exists, only through him. (174)

Q.8 Write a short note on: Gunatitanand Swami is Akshar: In the words of Gunatitanand Swami (147-150) [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. "Muktanand Swami's leniency is superior to Atmanand Swami's sacrifice." (29)
2. "We are ourselves owners of a number of horses." (65)
3. "Lie still and let me serve you." (7)

Q.10 Give reasons for the following (in 9 lines each). [8]

1. Shivalbhai was indeed not affected even a bit. (74-75) **OR**
2. Muktanand Swami composed the kirtan, 'Bhramana bhangi re haiyani.' (22)
3. The attendant sadhu apologized to Swamishri. (26) **OR**
4. The attendant sadhu wondered, "Who is the real attendant?" (1)

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

1. Lalji Bhakta: As a guide of Shriji Maharaj. (35-38) **OR**
2. Assurance of liberation to Kushalkunvarba. (56)
3. In the service of others. (20) **OR**
4. Relief to an aching heart. (34)

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

1. What did the Vaishnavs request Raghuvirji Maharaj? (47)
2. What did Maharaj instruct Muktanand Swami while sending him to Dharampur? (55)
3. Why did Gopalanand Swami install an idol of Hanumanji in Sarangpur? (6)
4. In which village and to whose house did Swamishri go while going to Bochasan from Bhavanpura? (24)
5. Which seva did Swamishri ask Narendraprasad Swami to do? (19)

Q.13 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct options. [8]

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1. Whom did Muktanand Swami meet while searching for a true guru ? (17-18)
(1) ☐ Dwarkadas (2) ☐ Kalyandas (3) ☐ Tulsidas (4) ☐ Sahajanand Swami
2. Places where Raghuvirji Maharaj installed the murti of Harikrishna Maharaj ? (51)
(1) ☐ Gadhada (2) ☐ Junagadh (3) ☐ Vartal (4) ☐ Dholera
3. Pramukh Swamishri's Vicharan (xv-xvi)
(1) ☐ Chambal riverbank (2) ☐ Visit on 9.00 am till 5.00 pm
(3) ☐ Visited 95 villages in 20 days (4) ☐ Sanctified 221 homes with a fever of 102° F
4. The important years of Pramukh Swami Maharaj (xi)
(1) ☐ 1939 (2) ☐ 1930 (3) ☐ 1940 (4) ☐ 1950

SECTION 3: ESSAY

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

1. Book launch ceremony of 'Introduction to Swaminarayan Hindu Theology'
(Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati) December 2017, pp. 40 to 43)
2. "I have no worries as Mahant Swami Maharaj has held my hand."
(Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati) December 2017, pp. 34 to 38)
3. Guruji! We will never forget you...: Devotees recall memories.
(Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati) January 2018, pp. 42 to 49)

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