



(Time: 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.)

SATSANG PRAGNA - 1 : PAPER - 2

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Total Marks: 100

SECTION 1: INVALUABLE SCRIPTURES OF BRAHMAVIDYA – 1st Edition April 2015

Q.1 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. Topics in the Vachanamrut

- (1) ☐ The teachings of brahmavidya
- (2) ☐ The digit one is the devotee
- (3) ☐ Limitless glory is described
- (4) ☐ The main teaching is only sadhu

2. The Eligibility for Beholding Maharaj in all Totality

- (1) ☐ And God resides in this Sadhu.
- (2) ☐ Here, together with this Sadhu, Sahajanand Swami himself is manifest.
- (3) ☐ He is far from you.
- (4) ☐ As long as there is faith you cannot perceive him.

3. Unique Interpretations

- (1) ☐ Truth is dharma
- (2) ☐ It will protect one from great calamities
- (3) ☐ It will protect one from great enemies
- (4) ☐ Swadharma in the form of karmayog cannot survive in all adverse circumstances.

4. The Uniqueness of the Use of Analogies and Incidents in Swamini Vato

- (1) ☐ Even if one does more by one's own command, little is achieved
- (2) ☐ That blessings is of a different type
- (3) ☐ What satisfaction can one who sits around actively gain?
- (4) ☐ This jiva has become enamoured of this world

Q.2 Write concisely on the following. (In 15 lines.) [10]

- 1. Opinions About the Vachanamrut: By Gunatit Gurus **OR**
- 2. Historical Reliability of Vachanamrut
- 3. 'Rarity of Swami's Discourses' and 'The Speaker of the Rare Discourses Is Also Rare'. **OR**
- 4. Swamini Vato: Clarification of the Esoteric Teachings of the Vachanamrut

Q.3 Give the topic heading of the reference. [6]

Example: Gadhada II 35 - "Even amidst the activities of all my indriyas, I do not lose awareness of my atma for even a moment."

Ans. Bhagwan Swaminarayan's spiritual sadhnas: Contemplation

- 1. "Realize that the form amidst the divine light is this Maharaj visible before you."
- 2. "Tap karu chhu kathan tane, nathi molo hu padto mane."
- 3. "So, one who has known Purushottam God has nothing left to be known. All virtues will develop in him."
- 4. "The rishis of India have always emphasized on the importance of brahmavidya as a means to attaining the ultimate aim in life."
- 5. "I have talked to you having seen it with my very own eyes."
- 6. "By thinking about the defects of a devotee of God the jiva is defiled."

Q.4 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. [6]

- 1. 'When spiritual discourses meditation is sustained.' Complete this Swamini Vat.
- 2. 'Fill a well with mustard I want to liberate.' Complete this Swamini Vat.
- 3. What did Swami say on seeing the clear, peaceful sky in the autumn season?
- 4. Who prayed for whom at the village Savar? What did he pray?
- 5. Write the definition of maya as per Vachanamrut Gadhada III 39.
- 6. Which question does Shriji Maharaj ask Muktanand Swami in Vachanamrut Gadhada II 27?

Q.5 Write detailed notes on any ONE of the following topics. (In 25–30 lines.) [10]

1. Gunatitanand Swami: Perceptible Experience of Atma - Paramatma.
2. The questions between 'When adverse conditions...' to 'Presently, by doing what is Maharaj pleased'.
(Answers to Questions Regarding Sadhanas)

SECTION 2: SHASTRIJI MAHARAJ VISTRUT JIVANCHARITRA, PART 1
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Q.6 Write concisely on any ONE of the following. (In 30 lines.) [12]

1. History and Consecration of Akshar Mandir, Gondal (Only incidents from 'The Worship in Akshar Deri' to 'This Place Will Be as Grand as Shrinathji').
2. Shastriji Maharaj, Remover of Doubts with His Discourses (Only incidents from 'The Group of Sadhus in Mahuva' to 'The Discourses on the Satsangijivan in Junagadh').
3. The Rapport Between Shastriji Maharaj and Yogiji Maharaj (Only incidents from 'Jhina Bhagat Possesses the God-Realized state like Shukji' to 'Jogi Will Spread the Gunatit Knowledge Throughout the World').

Q.7 Write short notes on any TWO of the following topics.
(Each short note should contain two incidents of five lines each.) [8]

1. Hari kare so hoy (Only incidents from 'Unbearable Vengeance' to 'Sahajanand Hari Pragat Thaya Sahajanand Hari').
2. Stronger Than Steel, Yet Softer Than a Flower: The Loving Personality of Shastriji Maharaj (Only incidents from 'Lakshmiprasad Has Done Us a Favour' to 'The Father Returns in the Form of the Son').
3. Personality of the Virtuous and Capable Swamishri (Only incidents from 'Nirgundas Swami Has Maharaj's Darshan' to 'Vinayakrao, the Brahmarshi').

Q.8 Describe any THREE of the following incidents and give your thoughts.
(Write incidents in eight lines and thoughts in four lines.) [12]

1. The 68 pilgrimage places reside at the feet of my Sant
2. God is our Wealth
3. The Fruits of Criticism
4. The Great mukta Ramchandrabhai in Swamishri's Company
5. 'Maharaj is Present Today'

Q.9 Describe the personality of any ONE of the characters below through incidents. [8]

1. Keshavprasad Purani (Only incidents from 'Vignananand Swami Passes Away' to 'The Jal-Jhilani Festival in Gadhadra').
2. Narsinh Bhagat (Only incidents from 'The Image of service and Penace' to 'The Attraction of Sarangpur').

SECTION 3: SWAMINI VATO – Website PDF Edition

Q.10 Write concisely on any TWO of the following. (In 5 lines each.) [6]

1. What teaching did Gunatitanand Swami give by the example of the woodcutter and the bav sandalwood?
2. What did Swami say to Shivilal by explaining about happiness?
3. What will happen to those who misinterpret the scriptures?

Q.11 Explain any TWO of the following and give a suitable Swamini Vato reference from the syllabus. (In 8–10 lines each.) [4]

1. The four devotees from Bhadra reached Gadhpur as soon as they received Maharaj's letter, so Maharaj was pleased.
2. 'Maya is anything that obstructs a devotee of God while meditating on God's form.'
3. Vasta Khachar was influenced by the bad company of Jiva Khachar and Budha Dhadhal, so he went away without meeting Shriji Maharaj.
4. One who worships God after becoming brahmarup is definitely superior.

Q.12 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. [4]

1. What is the nature of kalyan attained by satsangis?
2. What are packets of ashes?
3. When is the great sadhu's grace earned?
4. Why should one become brahmarup?

Q.13 Describe any TWO of the following examples or incidents and write their principles. (In 8 lines each.) [6]

1. A horse's leg was broken in a dream.
2. Our true devotees are Parvatbhai and Gordhanbhai.
3. Ramchandra and Shri Krishna are like fulvadis.



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