



(Time: 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.)

SATSANG PRAGNA - 1 : PAPER - 2

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

Total Marks: 100

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. Compilers of the Vachanamrut.

- (1) ☐ Shukanand Swami.
(2) ☐ Shatanand Swami.
(3) ☐ Brahmanand Swami.
(4) ☐ Nityanand Swami.

2. Historical reliability.

- (1) ☐ Year.
(2) ☐ Lunar half.
(3) ☐ Town.
(4) ☐ Country.

3. Motivational teachings in 'Samini Vato'.

- (1) ☐ Never allow the jiva to become inferior.
(2) ☐ We have taken refuge of the sampraday, so remain strong.
(3) ☐ There is nothing better for an aspirant than to seek firm refuge in God.
(4) ☐ By listening to and the glory of God is realized, faults will be removed.

4. Swami's frankness.

- (1) ☐ Shival Sheth who owned a fortune worth nine hundred thousand rupees.
(2) ☐ Abhaysinh Darbar of Lodhika.
(3) ☐ Acharya Viharilalji Maharaj.
(4) ☐ Acharya Devendraprasadji Maharaj.

Q.2 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. [6]

- What have rishis of India not emphasized as a means to attaining the ultimate aim in life?
- How many Vachanamruts are there in the Loya section?
- What has Swami said in Swamini Vat 1.302, describing the power of discourses?
- Write the names of the four Vedas.
- Which question has Harji Thakkar asked in Vachanamrut Gadhada II 33?
- "Sometime the eyes..... do not lose heart." Complete the Swamini Vat.

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

- "If one continues to perceive human traits in God, then final liberation is not attained."
- "Realize that the form amidst the divine light is this Maharaj visible before you."
- "To understand upasana clearly is the main sadhana."
- "I have taken the human form for the moksha of the jivas."
- "One wears saffron clothes, but has the jiva become saffron? If this is the situation that, too, must be considered seriously."
- "Devise ways to help prevent obstacles on the path of liberation."

Q.4 Write concisely on the following. (In 15 lines.) [10]

- Vachanamrut: Unique definitions. **OR**
- Gunatitanand Swami: Natural inclination towards renunciation since childhood.
- Swamini Vato: Significance of various teachings in the Vachanamrut. **OR**
- Deficiency in following commands.

- Q.5 Write detailed notes on any ONE of the following topics. (In 25–30 lines.)** [10]
1. Shriji Maharaj: Great zeal for renunciation.
 2. Shriji Maharaj's discourses for the liberation of souls.

SECTION 2: SHASTRIJI MAHARAJ VISTRUT JIVANCHARITRA, PART 1
– 9th Gujarati Edition, February 2014

- Q.6 Write concisely on any ONE of the following. (In 30 lines.)** [12]
1. Swamishri: One without enmity (Only incidents from 'Bhagatji in Nadiad' to 'The Force of the Harassment Increases').
 2. Background to and consecration of Akshar Mandir in Gondal (Only incidents from 'Worship of Akshar Deri' to 'Chapter of Upasana Finished').
 3. Extraordinary talent of Dungar Bhakta shown by childhood incidents (Only incidents from 'A Realized Soul' to 'Studies Begin').
- 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. Yagnapurushdas: A favourite of the acharya (Only incidents from 'Service in Surat Mandir' to 'The Intense Ambition to Perfect Brahavidya').
 2. Glory of Yagnapurushdas to Bhagatji (Only incidents from 'Vignananand Swami Goes to Dham' to 'God Always Remains with His Devotees').
 3. Shastriji Maharaj bound by the thread of love (Only incidents from 'Festival in Tajpur' to 'Swamishri in Indore').
- 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. Against your wish, there is nothing astrologer can do.
 2. Shyam hai hamaro dhan.
 3. Harji Bhagat of Surat.
 4. Capability of Swamishri.
 5. Showing the greatest love.
- Q.9 Describe the personality of any ONE of the characters below through incidents.** [8]
1. Vignananand Swami (Only incidents from 'Be a Sadhu from Inside' to 'Meeting Bhagatji Maharaj').
 2. Bechar Kisa of Bochasan (Only incidents from 'Divine Darshan' to 'Attractive Form of Swamishri').

SECTION 3: SWAMINI VATO – Website PDF Edition

- Q.10 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer.** [4]
1. Based on the example of a cow, where does the bliss of Maharaj come from?
 2. "Ensure that one attains the goal of life at any cost." After saying this which verse did Swami recite?
 3. What are the three endeavours to become brahmarup?
 4. Though it is difficult to maintain satsang, but who can maintain it?
- Q.11 Write concisely on any TWO of the following. (In 5 lines each.)** [6]
1. What were the spiritual levels of Anand Swami, Muktanand Swami and Swarupanand Swami?
 2. What will happen to those who know and describe the form of God as formless?
 3. When is the grace of Shriji Maharaj and the great sadhu earned?
- Q.12 Describe any TWO of the following examples or incidents and write their principles. (In 8 lines each.)** [6]
1. A mosquito in an eagle's wing.
 2. A horse's leg was broken in a dream.
 3. Example of the reflection of the moon.
- Q.13 Explain any TWO of the following and give a suitable Swamini Vato reference from the syllabus. (In 8–10 lines each.)** [4]
1. Muktanand Swami says, "Chaud lok Vaikunth lagi mayani pagi re...."
 2. If a parasmani wrapped in thin paper is kept in a steel container, the container does not turn into gold because of the paper.
 3. Vasta Khachar came into the bad company of Jiva Khachar and Budha Dhadhal, so he went away without meeting Shriji Maharaj.
 4. If a son possesses a Mercedes car, then his father must have much more wealth.

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