



(Time: 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.)

**SATSANG PRAGNA - 1 : PAPER - 2**

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**SECTION 1: INVALUABLE SCRIPTURES OF BRAHMAVIDYA – 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Emphasis on pure behaviour for the liberation of Aspirants.

- (1) ☐ If you were to face the calamities of eight consecutive famines, I will protect you from them.  
(2) ☐ I will have nothing to do with you.  
(3) ☐ A person who forsakes dharma under the pretext of the greatness of God should be considered to be demonic.  
(4) ☐ Anyone who even talks of such a lapse in dharma should be called a non-believer.

2. Motivational teachings in 'Swamini Vato'.

- (1) ☐ If the great Sadhu showers his blessings, they will overcome this instant.  
(2) ☐ We have attained God and the Sadhu, now do not let misery enter the heart.  
(3) ☐ The body needs worldly objects to survive, but that is only one aspect. So believe oneself as Akshar.  
(4) ☐ Do not believe the characteristics of the body, senses and inner faculties to be others.

3. Opinions about 'Swamini Vato'.

- (1) ☐ This scripture contains the essence of the four Vedas, six shastras and 18 Purans.  
(2) ☐ This scripture is a jewel of the Gujarati language.  
(3) ☐ These talks are such that they are capable of helping one acquire Akshardham by removing the inner shortcomings of tens of millions of births.  
(4) ☐ This is the 19th century Gita of Gujarat.

4. Means to eternal bliss and peace.

- (1) ☐ Leave the many other forms of support.  
(2) ☐ All great sadhus have taught there is no happiness in heavenly objects.  
(3) ☐ Even after tens of millions of years there is no happiness, except through worshipping God.  
(4) ☐ The source of all bliss is Ekantik sadhu.

**Q.2 Write concisely on the following. (In 15 lines.)**

**[10]**

1. Vachanamrut: Short Truthful Statements. **OR**  
2. Shriji Maharaj: Passion for listening to spiritual discourses.  
3. 'Discourses are greater than millions of spiritual sadhanas' and 'Rarity of Swami's discourses'. **OR**  
4. The difference between avatars and the avatari in Gunatitanand Swami's Vato.

**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. In Akshardham Maharaj is seated like this, facing north.  
2. Fill a well with mustard seeds and make a pile of them as high as an arrow could reach the sky - that is the number of jivas I want to liberate.  
3. By thinking about the defects of a devotee of God the jiva is defiled.  
4. A shadow cannot be caught; similarly, there is no end to material pleasures. When spiritual wisdom is attained then happiness is attained.  
5. Vishaya vinivartante niraharasya dehinaha, Rasavarjam rasopyasya param drushtva nivartate.  
6. These are the words of Purushottam and the talks of Gunatit.

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

**[6]**

1. Which question Muktanand Swami asked in Vachanamrut Gadhada I 71?  
2. Write down the opinion given by Shastriji Maharaj about the Vachanamrut.  
3. Complete the Swamini Vat: As long as one performs.....and his Sadhu say.

4. What would Nityanand Swami say when the renunciation of sadhus was bolstered on hearing Gunatitanand Swami's talks?
5. What does brahmavidya remove from life and what does it enable one to experience?
6. Which is the contemplation of Shriji Maharaj revealed in Vachanamrut Gadhada II 35?

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

[10]

1. Vachanamrut: Question and answer style.
2. The Vachanamrut's authenticity: Unique audience.

**SECTION 2: SHASTRIJI MAHARAJ VISTRUT JIVANCHARITRA, PART 1**  
– 9<sup>th</sup> Gujarati Edition, July 2014

**Q.6 Write concisely on any ONE of the following. (In 30 lines.)**

[12]

1. The influential personality of Shastriji Maharaj. (Only incidents from 'On-going Activity in Bochasan' to 'Swamishri's Unique Men'.)
2. The relationship between Shastriji Maharaj and Yogiji Maharaj. (Only incidents from 'Jhina Bhagat Is Spiritually Accomplished Like Shukji' and 'This Place Is Miraculous'.)
3. The flowers of accolades dispersed for Shastriji Maharaj. (Only incidents from 'Memorable Bhagvati Diksha Celebration' to 'Grand Meals of Rotlas and Shak'.)

**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. Stronger than steel, yet softer than a flower: The loving personality of Shastriji Maharaj. (Only incidents from 'Nirgundas Swami Has Maharaj's Darshan' to 'The Father Returns As the Son'.)
2. Swamishri's boldness. (Only incidents from 'The Upsurge of Opposition' to 'Assembly in Muli Opposing Vadhwan'.)
3. The manifest form of matchless saintliness: Shastriji Maharaj. (Only incidents from 'The Festival in Sayajipara' to 'Sacrificing Everything'.)

**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. We have shaved our head for Maharaj and Swami.
2. 'Oh Swami ! Please be compassionate and take your place.'
3. 'Akshar-Purushottam ni jai' in Vartal assembly.
4. The need for celibacy in order to have firm refuge in God.
5. The great muktaraj Ramchandrabhai in Swamishri's company.

**Q.9 Describe the personality of any ONE of the characters below through incidents.**

[8]

1. Harmanbhai Makandas Patel. (of Gana). (Only incidents from 'Shakar Bhagat passes away' to 'Throw Dust on Me'.)
2. Vignandas Swami. (Only incidents from 'Pragji Bhakta, Guru of Brahmailidya' to 'Bhagatji in Petlad'.)

**SECTION 3: SWAMINI VATO – Website PDF Edition**

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

[6]

1. What kind of greatness one can have due to association with the manifest human form of God?
2. What will happen to the one who misinterprets the scriptures?
3. How will Shriji Maharaj fill 1000 million huge ships?

**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. When one attains God or his Sant, then, apart from this, there is no other liberation for the jiva; this itself is ultimate liberation. - Vachanamrut Gadhada II 59
2. The true joy of a mango tree lies in its mangoes, not in its trunk, branches or leaves.
3. All deficiencies which do remain in a devotee are due to his own lethargy. - Vachanamrut Gadhada I 20.
4. Anger, avarice, cravings for taste, egotism and other human swabhavs are also present in God, but they certainly are not like those possessed by other humans. An intelligent person realizes that there is something divine about that God. - Vachanamrut Panchala 4

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

[4]


1. What does bav sandalwood represent?
2. When is great sadhu's grace earned?
3. When is everyone pleased?
4. What are packets of ashes?

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

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1. Earning 1,000 million maunds of husk.
2. Maharaj is like a gardi.
3. The calf, bulls and the pleasure of milk.

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