

A few of the questions in this Pre-Test Paper will be asked in the Final Examination to be held on Sunday, 1 March 2015. Use the latest editions of the exam books.

BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA
SATSANG EXAMINATIONS

PRE-TEST: SATSANG PRAGNA-3 : PAPER - 2

JANUARY 2015

Time: 2.00 to 5.00 pm

Total Marks: 100



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Compulsory: To be filled by Examinee only
Answer books without the signature of the Class Supervisor will not be considered valid.

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	6 (10)	

Section-1, Total Marks (40)

For Moderation Dept.	Question No. (Marks)	Marks Obtained
	7 (12)	
	8 (8)	
	9 (12)	
	10 (8)	

Section-2, Total Marks (40)

For Moderation Dept.	Question No. (Marks)	Marks Obtained
	11 (5)	
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Section-3, Total Marks (20)

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Important Instructions For Satsang Exam Students

1. Students can appear for the Satsang Exams from Prarambh to Pragna - 3 after passing each exam.
2. Satsang exam is only valid for use by the candidate identified on the top sheet, and only at the designated center, in the specified medium (Gujarati, Hindi, English) and for the exam level (e.g. Prarambha, Pravesh, Parichay, etc.) indicated. **Any difference will not be allowed and considered as disqualify.**
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5. Write your answers with either a blue or black pen only. Answers written in pencil, or with a red, green or any other coloured pen will **not be considered valid.** Answers written in more than one coloured ink will not be considered valid.
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13. **Before filling the Application Form for the Pragna Exam, Please note the following points:**
 - Students according to their choice can appear for both the Question Papers in the same year or appear for the 1st paper in the first and the 2nd paper in the following year for any of the Pragna Exams. **One can only appear for the 2nd Paper after passing the 1st Paper.** Candidates opting to sit only one of the two papers for any of the Pragna examinations must score 45 Marks to pass.
 - Student should make his/her choice while registration. Pragna candidate can choose first paper or Both papers. **Select the first paper if the student wishes to appear for the first paper and if he/she wishes to appear for both papers select both papers.** Candidates who have registered for both papers of Satsang Pragna Exam should give both papers. **Presence in only one paper will be considered as disqualify.** Candidates who appear for both papers in the same year must score a combined minimum of 90 Marks to pass.
 - After passing the 1st paper, one can **postpone** appearing for the 2nd paper for a **maximum of 1 Year.**
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 - **Note : Now all students who have passed the India Pravin Exams can appear for the Pragna - 1 Exam.**
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SECTION 1: 'BRAHMANVIDYANO RAJMARG' - 3rd Gujarati Edition, June - 2013

Q.1 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct ones. (Total Marks: 6)

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. Spiritual endeavours for a Swaminarayan devotee:

- (1) ☐ Taught and spread by Bhagwan Swaminarayan.
- (2) ☐ Nurtured by the Gunatit gurus.
- (3) ☐ Revealed to Naradji by Nar-Narayan Dev.
- (4) ☐ Spread by Nirgun Swami.

2. The incredible power of resolute intention:

- (1) ☐ An intention is a wish or an experience.
- (2) ☐ It is clarity of goal and firm determination with faith.
- (3) ☐ Ultimately, the goal is achieved.
- (4) ☐ The heights of success can be reached.

3. The benefits of atmanishtha:

- (1) ☐ People who observe dharma do not fear of death.
- (2) ☐ Faith does not develop elsewhere.
- (3) ☐ Faith develops elsewhere.
- (4) ☐ Patience remains due to lust, etc.

Q.2 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (Total Marks: 5)

1. In Gadhada I 20, what shortcomings has Shriji Maharaj identified in one without atmanishtha?

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2. Which three thoughts of sankhya must one consolidate?

3. What is premlakshana bhakti?

4. What is the definition of dharma given by Shriji Maharaj in the Shikshapatri?

5. How many and what main types of archan-bhakti are there?

Q.3 Give the topic heading of the reference. (Total Marks: 5)

Example: "Serving in form of massaging and pampering God is also devotion."

Ans. The significance of bhakti and its types.

1. "One should feel deep restlessness, regret or grief for making a mistake."

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2. "You must maintain mutual unity and friendship. Even if the other doesn't keep, we should."

3. "Human traits are seen in God and his Sadhu due to our swabhavs and attachment to the panchvishays."

4. "His love is especially on us. That is why he himself came down to earth for us."

Example: Dharma

1. Special features of Swaminarayan spiritual endeavours. (Write Points No.1 to 5)

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1. Liberation only through swarupnishtha **OR**
2. The inability of only endeavours in attaining ultimate liberation: austerities and dharma.
3. Undoubting and clean endeavour. **OR**
4. Absence of contentment in the enjoyment of panchvishays.

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1. Sevabhakti: Importance of seva and its necessity.
2. The rarity of human birth and its purpose.

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SECTION 2: 'AKSHARBRAHMAN GUNATITANAND SWAMI' PART-1 AND 2
- 10th Gujarati Edition, July - 2009

Q.7 Write the main points on any ONE of the following. (In 30 lines.) (Total Marks: 12)

1. Style and speciality features of Swamishri's discourses. (Only incidents from 'Affliction to Gopalanand Swami' to 'Swamishri's Severe Illness')
2. Gunatit in the company of Gunatit. (Only incidents from 'Swami Shows Dham to Bechar Pandya' to 'Crooked to the Crooked')
3. Camp in Vartal.

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Q.8 Write short notes on any TWO of the following topics.

(Each short note should contain two incidents of five lines each.) (Total Marks: 8)

1. Gunatitanand Swami's desire for spiritual liberation.
(Only incidents from 'Departure to Dharampur' to 'In the Balcony of Joban Pagi')
2. Shriji Maharaj's frequent revelations of Gunatitanand Swami as Aksharbrahman.
(Only incidents from 'We Are a Constant Surety for Swami' to 'Sanctified Bhaktachintamani')
3. Life transformation effected by Gunatitanand Swami: Ramo Hati and Pitambar Fulchand.

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Incident 2:

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Q.9 Describe any THREE of the following incidents and give your thoughts.

(Write incidents in eight lines and thoughts in four lines.) (Total Marks: 12)

1. Why the discrimination of male-female here?
2. A pill of maya in the form of attachment.
3. Thirteen black-headed people.
4. I, myself am manifest Akshardham.
5. Muktas of different abodes come for Swami's darshan.

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1. Brahmanand Swami 2. Bhagvadanand Swami

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1. Who has said that 'One should not drink liquor even if it is cold'?

1. Goal of human life: Development of the soul.

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2. Reasons for lapse in celibacy: Irregularity.

3. The soul is immortal.

Q.13 Write the main points on any ONE of the following. (In 10 lines.) (Total Marks: 3)

1. How to observe celibacy? By keeping pure intentions.

2. Types of food: Tamsic food.

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Q.14 Write short note on any ONE of the following topics. (In 15-20 lines.) (Total Marks: 6)

1. Glory of celibacy.

2. Ancient history of murtipuja.

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