BOCHASANWASI SHRI AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA

SATSANG EXAMINATIONS (**Satsang Parichay : Paper - 1 - Pre-Test: 14 June 2015**)

☞ 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.**

3. The medium (Gujarati, English, Hindi) and the exam level in which candidates take **the Pre-Test** will be the medium in which they must take the Final Exam. Answer books bearing details of candidates different from the Final List **will not be accepted for marking.**

4. On the day of the Final Satsang Examinations, all examinees should obtain the signature of the class supervisor on the top sheet of answer book bearing their own personal details only. Answer books without the signature of the Class Supervisor will **not** be accepted for marking**.**

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.

6. Follow the instructions while answering. Answers crossed out will not be considered valid. Answers will not be considered valid if they are not written in legible handwriting. Please write clearly and legibly. **Answer papers with more than one type of handwriting will not be accepted and considered as disqualify.**

7. Examinations taken at **unauthorized locations** or in which the exam rules have been violated will not be considered valid.

8. Without the prior permission of the Satsang Exam Division in India, answer papers written by substitute writers in place of the original candidate will **not be accepted for marking.**

9. Candidates who wish to change the center at which they will sit the Final Exam **must inform and take prior permission** of the Satsang Exam Division in India. Otherwise there answer sheet **not be accepted for marking**.

10. Candidates who have registered for both papers of Satsang Pragna Exam and candidates sitting the Satsang Pravesh, Parichay and Pravin exams should give both papers. **Presence in only one paper will not be accepted for marking**.

11. In the Final Examination answers written on extra pages will not be accepted for marking.

12. Candidates will not be allowed to keep any electronic items, such as, mobile phones, tablets, laptops, etc. in the examination room.

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 choice 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 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.**
- If two students are eligible for a prize then the one who has appeared for **both exams together** will be **rewarded with 10% marks** and thus become a candidate for the prize.
- **Note : Now all students who have passed the India Pravin Exams can appear for the Pragna - 1 Exam.**

14. No valid registration!!! No result.

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SATSANG EXAMINATIONS (PRE-TEST: 14 JUNE 2015)

TIME: 9:00 TO 11:15 A.M.

SATSANG PARICHAY : PAPER - 1

(Note: Figures after the question indicate the page number of the answer.) **(TOTAL MARKS: 75)**

SECTION 1: SAHAJANAND CHARITRA - 6th Edition, January 2013

Q.1 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. **(9)**

1. "Please do construct a big mandir like this in Kutch." (129)
2. "You continue to spread the glory and significance of my form." (169)
3. "The Mahant will work with a sense of belonging." (149)

Q.2 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). **(6)**

1. Sunderjibhai exhibited a little pride. (26)
2. Shriji Maharaj fell ill in Bhuj. (50)
3. Shitaldas was disappointed. (2)

Q.3 Write short notes on any <u>ONE</u> of the following. (In 15 lines.) **(5)**

1. Murti-Pratishtha of Shri Vasudev-Narayan. (34-35)
2. "I want to regain health!" (165-166)
3. Darshan in two forms. (20-21)

Q.4 Answer <u>ALL</u> of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. **(5)**

1. What unique thing happened on the twelve-door hindolo? (97)
2. What did the guru command Magniram? (8)
3. What did Muktanand Swami learn in Kutch? (15)
4. What did Kushalkunvarba send to Shriji Maharaj? (96)
5. With what did the vairagis start attacking Raghunathdas? (28)

Q.5 From the given options, place a tick (✔) in the box next to the correct ones. **(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. Throne of God. (94-95)
   (1) ☐ Gangaba introspected.
   (2) ☐ Please forgive me.
   (3) ☐ I was unaware of your greatness.
   (4) ☐ Saw fourteen signs on feet.
2. Appointment of Sadgurus. (108-112)
   (1) ☐ Muktanand Swami
   (2) ☐ Nityanand Swami
   (3) ☐ Brahmanand Swami
   (4) ☐ Paramchaitanyanand Swami

Q.6 Fill in the blanks. **(4)**

1. On hearing of ..... Swami's arrival at Nadiad, the ..... left Nadiad. (103)
2. Shriji Maharaj applied tilak chandlo on the forehead of ..... Swami in ..... (119)
3. Shriji Maharaj visited Bishop Heber in ..... on date ..... (138)
4. Without the order of ..... Jagjivan sent the Arab troops to .....'s house. (63)

SECTION 2: SATSANG READER PART 2 - 4th Edition, April 2011

Q.7 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. **(9)**

1. "As I was born later, I was not able to have Maharaj's darshan." (53)
2. "Prepare rotla, but not ladoos." (64)
3. "Don't be upset." (30)

Q.8 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). **(4)**

1. Muljibhai uttered words of wisdom to the girl. (22)
2. The mother left the child with great pain. (9)

Q.9 Write short notes on 'Nityanand Swami enhances the Sampraday's prestige through scriptural debates.' (3-4) **(In 15 lines.)** **(5)**

[P.T.O.]

Please note that I have been present personally in the Pre-Test **"Satsang Parichay : Paper - 1"** Exam organized by the Satsang Shikshan Pariksha Karyalay, Ahmedabad. Please note that the following details filled are true.

	Date	Month	Year
Birthdate of Examinee:	☐☐	☐☐	☐☐☐☐

Exam Date and Time:

Signature of Examinee:

Note: Only those who are present have to fill in this slip and give it to their Exam Supervisor. The slip of only those who are present have to be filled and sent to the Satsang Shikshan Pariksha Karyalay, Ahmedabad. (Presence slip which is not completely filled up will not be considered valid.)

Q.10 Answer <u>ALL</u> of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. **(4)**

1. Which great qualities had Laduba cultivated? (41)
2. Which two sadhus arrived at the orchard of Lakha Patel? (33)
3. What were the names of Jaga Bhakta's parents? (49)
4. Who resolved to back Shastriji Maharaj wholeheartedly? (66)

Q.11 Select the <u>SIX</u> correct sentences from below and write them in the correct story sequence in the boxes. **(6)**

Topic: Laduba (41-46)

1. Let Laduba look after the festivals of the bright half of the month. **2.** "Through the murti of Gopinathji, I shall give you darshan." **3.** Bought Teja Thakkar's buffalo for 100 rupees. **4.** Shriji Maharaj decided to eat alternately every month at both the sisters' places. **5.** Let Laduba organize the festivals taking place during the dark half of the month. **6.** Abhal Khachar requested his two daughters to look after the arrangements personally during the festivals. **7.** Shriji Maharaj decided to eat alternately every 10 days at both the sister's places. **8.** The buffalo ate onions. **9.** "Who used to bathe you in your incarnation as Ram?" **10.** Laduba began to take care of the buffalo herself. **11.** Dada Khachar requested his two sisters to look after the arrangements personally during the festivals. **12.** The mare returned to the darbar twice from the village outskirts.

(1) Write the correct sentence numbers ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

(2) Correct sequence of sentences ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Note: (1) 3 marks will be awarded for the correct sentence numbers only if ALL SIX sentence numbers are correct and (2) 3 marks will be awarded only if the whole sequence of sentence numbers are correct. Otherwise no marks will be given.

Q.12 Rewrite the incorrect sentences below in relation to the sentence heading. **(4)**

Note: Mark will be awarded only if a sentence is written completely correct. Otherwise no mark will be awarded.

Example: Sadguru Nityanand Swami: On Maha vad 9, Samvat 1902, at Ahmedabad in the presence of Acharya Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj, Gunatitanand Swami, Paramchaitanyanand Swami, Kripanand Swami and other sadhus, Nityanand Swami passed away.

Ans. Sadguru Nityanand Swami: On **<u>Magshar sud 8,</u>** Samvat **<u>1903</u>**, at **<u>Vartal</u>** in the presence of **<u>Acharya Raghuvirji Maharaj</u>**, **<u>Gopalanand Swami</u>**, **<u>Shuk Muni</u>**, **<u>Shunyatitanandji</u>** and other sadhus, Nityanand Swami passed away.

1. **Swami Jaga Bhakta:** "If you install the dual murtis of Akshar-Purushottam, and have a scripture like Harililamrut, describing the glory of Akshar Purushottam, composed, Maharaj shall bless you with one son like Mahapurush." (57)
2. **Sadguru Nityanand Swami:** Certain jealous Nagar Brahmins who were in league with Narsinh Mehta told the Diwan, "This Narsinh Mehta wants to have a scriptural debate with Swaminarayan." (3)
3. **Dada Khachar:** Shriji Maharaj called Dada Khachar and said, "Why do you need this estate? Return it to both sisters." (37)
4. **Shri Krishnaji Ada:** Bholashankar Trivedi was a pious Brahmin scholar who had mastered astrology. After coming into contact with Gunatitanand Swami, Bholashankar Trivedi gave up all other mantras and started chanting the 'Narnarayan' mahamantra continuously. (63)

SECTION 3: ESSAY

Q.13 Write an essay on any <u>ONE</u> of the following. (In approximately 30 lines.) **(10)**

1. From the dais of Shastriji Maharaj's Saardh Shatabdi Celebrations: Pujya Doctor Swami (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), March-April 2015, pp. 37-38)
2. Sahaj Anand Water Show (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), December 2014, pp. 43-47)
3. Nector Drops of Guru's Memories: Firmly following Guru's wishes. (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati), December 2014, pp. 23-24)

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Note: A few of the questions in this Pre-Test Paper will be asked in the Final Examination to be held on Sunday, 5 July 2015. In Main Exam answers written on extra pages will not be considered valid. Without the prior permission of the Pariksha Karyalay in Ahmedabad, answer papers written by substitute writers in place of the original candidate will not be accepted. Answer papers with more than one type of handwriting will not be accepted. Answers crossed out will not be considered valid. Answers will not be considered valid if it is not written in neat and clean hand writing. Use the latest editions of the exam books. Candidates will not be allowed to keep any electronic items, such as, mobile phones, tablets, laptops, etc. in the examination room.

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