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SATSANG EXAMINATIONS

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

JANUARY 2016 **Time: 2.00 to 5.00 pm** **Total Marks: 100**

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SECTION 1: REALIZATION OF BRAHMAVIDYA - 1st Edition, JUNE 2015

Q.1 From the given options, place a tick (✔) in the box next to the correct ones. [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. Advantages of understanding God as the all-doer
   - (1) ☐ It is the supreme cause of Liberation.
   - (2) ☐ Ability to loss amid dualities of pleasure and pain.
   - (3) ☐ Means to pleasing God.
   - (4) ☐ One develops love for saint.
2. Parabrahman: Ocean of bliss
   - (1) ☐ Before the bliss of the murti of God, the joys of the sense pleasures pale into insignificance.
   - (2) ☐ The most blissful form is that of the Sant only.
   - (3) ☐ In God, all pleasures enjoyed through the five senses exist simultaneously.
   - (4) ☐ God is the reservoir of all types of vishays.
3. The necessity of Parabrahman's manifest form
   - (1) ☐ Through the contact of the manifest God only, can one become calm.
   - (2) ☐ Perfect knowledge is understanding the manifest God.
   - (3) ☐ Perfect worship is worshipping the manifest Sant.
   - (4) ☐ It is only through contemplating upon the divine incidents of the manifest God, that liberation is attained.
4. Jiva is a distinct tattva:
   - (1) ☐ This body should be believed to be one's form.
   - (2) ☐ I am the atma, and the indriyas and the antahkaran have absolutely no relation with me.
   - (3) ☐ One does not believe oneself to be the jivatma, distinct from the body, believes oneself to be the body.
   - (4) ☐ As long one does not believe the body to be one's true form, one's entire understanding is totally useless.

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

1. From what is maya disturbed when Akshar-Purush inspires Mul-Prakruti?

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2. According to Shriji Maharaj, how should the path of jnan be understood?
3. When is one said to have grasped the essence according to Swamini Vat 6.254?
4. Through whom is true conviction in Parabrahman attained?
5. According to Vachanamrut Vartal 12, what happens to the jiva if dislike of God develops?
6. How can the jiva attain liberation when God is not manifest on earth?

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

Example: "It is when one becomes brahmarup and performs the bhakti of the manifest form of God with sandalwood paste, flowers,....." (Loya 7)

Ans. Shriji Maharaj's command to become Brahmarup and offer Upasana to Parabrahman.

1. "That extremely powerful God Himself 'enters' Akshar and assumes the form of Akshar."

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2. "Mara janane antakale jaroor tedava avavu, Birud maru, e na badale, te sarve janane janavavu."
3. "The jnatrutva (knowing), kartrutva (doing) and bhoktrutva (experiencing) abilities of the jiva are not completely independent, but dependent upon Paramatma."
4. "Because this topic is extremely complex, I am afraid of discussing it."
5. "Eva Akshardham Swamee mool to Gunatitanand chhe."
6. "Will find that all his virtues become flaws."

Q.4 Write the main points on the following. (In 15 lines.) **[10]**

1. Form, charecteristics and qualities of a jiva. **OR**
2. Shriji Maharaj's extraordinary divine powers: 'Incidents of Samadhi' and 'People of all communities observed Shriji Maharaj's commands.'
3. Ability to remain composed amid dualities of pleasure and pain. **OR**
4. Parabrahman: The all-powerful and Parabrahman: The ruler and controller of infinite universes.

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Q.5 Write detailed notes on any <u>ONE</u> of the following topics. (In 25-30 lines.) **[10]**

1. Disadvantages of not attaining conviction in and worshipping manifest God.
2. The need to understand the form of Parabrahman.

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SECTION 2: BRAHMASWARUP PRAGJI BHAKTA LIFE AND WORK - 1st Edition, MARCH 2011

Q.6 Write the main points on any <u>ONE</u> of the following. (In 30 lines.) [12]

1. Impression of Bhagatji Maharaj on the great persons of sampraday (only incidents from 'Jhinabhai Rathod' to 'This is my beloved son')
2. Guru-centric life of Bhagatji Maharaj (only incidents from 'Pragji! You must go to Junagadh' to 'The pinnacle of yoga')
3. Bhagatji Maharaj's enlightened state as experienced his companions (only incidents from 'Constnuction of the New Haveli' to 'Conviction in Mul Aksharbrahman through Bhagatji')

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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. Bhagatji Maharaj discourses to the Muslim officer in Petlad.
2. Bhagatji Maharaj's gunatit state (only incidents from 'The four types of great people' to 'Devjibhai of Vanthali develops faith')
3. Gunatitanand Swami's affection for his disciples (only incidents from 'The sorath Devotees' love towards Swami' to 'What has he done to deserve this?')

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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. Mana Bhagat sings Bhagatji's praises.
2. I am the Boatman of God.
3. Is God not in her heart as well?
4. Come to Junagadh and I will make you Brahmarup.
5 Attachment to the Satpurush.

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

1. Keshavprasadji Maharaj
2. Acharya Shri Viharilalji Maharaj (only incidents from 'Recollecting divine experience in Junagadh' to 'Who can be called Ekantik?')

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SECTION 3: SWAMINI VATO - According to website PDF

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

1. When does a path of unrighteousness come into existance?

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2. Whose mind is not deviated?
3. Who became attached to the cows?
4. What have even the senior sadhus not been able to understand?

Q.11 Write the main points on any <u>TWO</u> of the following. (In 5 lines each.) [6]

1. Which four questions did Swami ask Shriji Maharaj? How do jivas become brahmarup?
2. As long as there is ignorance, what is happiness believed to be in? Like whom?
3. This jiva has been eroded by the material pleasures' How does Swami explain this?

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Q.12 Describe any <u>TWO</u> of the following examples or incidents and write their principles. (In 8 lines each.) [6]

1. "Ek Ram nam bolva na shikhyo to shikhyo sarve gayo dhur me." (Without learning to recite the name of Ram, everything else is reduced to dust.)
2. A monkey's wound.
3. Radhikaji quarelled with Shridama in Golok.

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Q.13 Explain any <u>TWO</u> of the following and give a suitable Swamini Vato reference from the syllabus. (In 8-10 lines each.) [4]

1. Laziness is the tomb of a living person.
2. 'Evane sangethi Akshardhame javay re, bijane sange to sukh na pame, dukh hoy bharpur re.'
3. Nilkanth Varni separated the combine assembly of gents and ladies.
4. Amba Sheth perceived human traits in Shriji Maharaj's actions.

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