

A few of the questions in this Pre-Test Paper will be asked in the Final Examination to be held on Sunday, 5 March 2017. Use the latest editions of the exam books.

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SATSANG EXAMINATIONS

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

JANUARY 2017

Time: 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Total Marks: 100



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Education of Examinee

Class Supervisor should only sign after checking the printed personal details and the compulsory written details above.

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	1 (8)	
	2 (6)	
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	4 (10)	
	5 (10)	

Section-1, Total Marks (40)

For Moderation Dept.	Que. No. (Marks)	Marks Obtained
	6 (12)	
	7 (8)	
	8 (12)	
	9 (8)	

Section-2, Total Marks (40)

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	10 (5)	
	11 (6)	
	12 (3)	
	13 (6)	

Section-3, Total Marks (20)

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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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 - 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.
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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: ROYAL PATH OF BRAHMAVIDYA - 1st Edition, August 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. According to Yogiji Maharaj, nirdosh buddhi means?

- (1) ☐ 'The highest form of devotion.'
- (2) ☐ 'There is no seva equal to believing God and his Sadhu to be flawless.'
- (3) ☐ 'There is no bhakti equal to believing God and his Sadhu to be flawless.'
- (4) ☐ 'Perceiving such divinity is bhakti.'

2. Steps outlined by Pramukh Swami Maharaj to maintain samp (unity).

- (1) ☐ Tolerate.
- (2) ☐ Eradicate swabhavs.
- (3) ☐ Should not adjust to others.
- (4) ☐ Give up wishes.

3. Sadhanas which are the essence of all shastras.

- (1) ☐ 'In my heart, I experience a strong aversion for the panchvishays.'
- (2) ☐ 'I swear by the lives of these Brahmins.'
- (3) ☐ 'This discourse is like the foundation of life.'
- (4) ☐ 'Worldly desires never arise in my heart, not even in my dreams.'

4. Sadhana is not for the attainment of Parabrahman but to gain his rajipo.

- (1) ☐ You do not need to know anyone once you have known Shrikrishna.
- (2) ☐ He has attained the highest state of enlightenment, or liberation, while being alive.
- (3) ☐ Unfavourable the person's problems may be, they are all destroyed.
- (4) ☐ We have attained Yogiji Maharaj, and this encompasses everything.

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

1. Who plays a very major role in perceiving human traits in God and the Sant?

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2. Though one may be as bright as a full moon, what does one become if one highlights the flaws of devotees?

3. What is shravan bhakti?

4. By which three means can Satsang be spread?

5. What will happen if a person associates with Kuda-panthis?

6. How can the antahkaran be polluted due to attachment?

Ans: Significance and types of bhakti.

6. 'One destined to become enlightened in this very birth, will have to take a hundred births if he keeps improper company.'

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4. To spite and perceive negative habits and traits in sadhus and devotees.

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2. Deficiencies of not perceiving divinity.

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

Q.6 Write concisely on any ONE of the following. (In 30 lines.) **[12]**

1. History of Junagadh mandir construction (Only incidents from 'Defeat of Vedantis in Mahemdavad' to 'Two Muktas in Gorviavi').
2. Divine powers shown by Swamishri (Only incidents from 'Camp in Vartal' to 'Everything is here, but is Gunatit here?').
3. Pleasure shown by Gunatitanand Swami (Only incidents from 'Don't Criticize Any Deity' to 'Participate in Our Vato, Seva, Samagam').

[illegible]

- [illegible]

Incident 2:

1. There will be no satsang in Mekha Timbi.
2. 'Vomiting will stop and will have a son also.'
3. Have you attached yourself to the Satpurush with affection?
4. Observation of other sampradayas.
5. 'Your hand will not be sticky by this.'

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Thoughts:

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

1. Pragji Bhakta (Only incidents from 'Akshardham Is Sitting in Front of You' to 'You Are Like a Vyasji').
2. Vaghjibhai from Vaso.

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Personality:

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SECTION 3: SANATAN DHARMA ABHIGAM - 5th Gujarati Edition, May 2014

Q.10 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. [5]

1. Which two forms of Paramatma are found in Shruti and Smruti?

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2. Which commands should not be followed even though they are given by Shriji Maharaj Himself?

3. What does Charvak say?

4. Which two devotees from Ramayan has Shriji Maharaj praised for their celibacy?

5. How many types of food are there? Which are they?

Q.11 Write short answers to the following questions. (In 4-5 lines each.)

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1. What does Shriji Maharaj advise in Vachanamrut Gadhada III 38?

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2. Some prevalent incidents about rebirth: Lakshmichand Sheth of Vrindavan.

3. What is celibacy?

Q.12 Write concisely on any ONE of the following. (In 10 lines.)

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1. Study of yogasans.
2. Explain the history of those who have opposed idolatry.

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Q.13 Write short note on any ONE of the following topics. (In 15-20 lines.)

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1. Harmful effects of tobacco. 2. Great power of celibacy.

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