

**SATSANG EXAMINATIONS (PRE-TEST: 18 JUNE 2017)**

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

SATSANG PRAVESH: PAPER - 1

(Note: The figure after each question indicates the page number of the answer in the textbook.) (TOTAL MARKS: 75)

SECTION 1: NILKANTH CHARITRA - 6th Edition, December 2010**Q.1 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. [9]**

1. "If you cherish my form in your heart then I shall always be with you." (34)
2. "You have been hungry for so many days, so we have brought you sathvo." (65)
3. "And why do you invite death when there is no need to?" (11)

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

1. The old mother of Kandas, Nanibai was overjoyed. (72)
2. The ascetics tied their hammocks to the branches of a tree and went to sleep in them. (8)
3. Ramanand Swami began preaching the worship of Shri Krishna. (82)

Q.3 Write short notes on any ONE of the following (in 15 lines). [5]

1. Mohandas meets Nilkanth. (26)
2. Uplift of 900,000 yogis. (38)
3. "Cling to the pillar". (97-99)

Q.4 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. [5]

1. Why did Nilkanth Varni plug the hole in the wall? (96)
2. Which questions did Nilkanth Varni ask wherever he travelled? (90)
3. Where did Nilkanth Varni arrive in Jagannathpuri? (49)
4. What did the siddha yogis begin to do on seeing Pibek? (36)
5. What did Lakshmanji bring for Nilkanth Varni? (10)

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. Met Nilkanth Varni after renouncing the home. (1)

(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Kaliya	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Ganpati
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Kotara	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Hanumanji
2. Ramanand Swami passed away and went to Akshardham. (117)

(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Samvat 1858	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Magshar sud 13
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Kartik sud 13	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Samvat 1957

Q.6 Fill in the blanks. [4]

1. Nilkanth Varni touched Koli's bag and all the dead were revived. (75)
2. As the River Tungabhadra here curves like a, this place is known as (68)
3. To find out, his friend plunged into the well. (3)
4. Jairam's mother gave some and and sent him to search for Nilkanth. (48)

SECTION 2: SATSANG READER PART 1 - 6th Edition, April 2011**Q.7 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. [9]**

1. "This is my tilak and this is my sadhu." (35)
2. "Don't be in a hurry to come to Akshardham. (14)
3. "They were as rich as the businessmen of Mumbai." (77)

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

1. Only the righteous are truly dear to Maharaj. (46)
2. Jetha Bhagat accepted the saffron robes. (61)

Q.9 Write short notes on 'Scriptural debate with Khaiyo Khatri'. (8-9) (In 15 lines.) [5]**[P.T.O.]**

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

- 1. How did Joban Pagi keep his mind at peace after Shriji Maharaj returned to Akshardham? (48)
- 2. For how many days did Jetha Bhagat serve Bhagatji Maharaj in his last illness? (60)
- 3. What was the name of Jhinabhai's son? (38)
- 4. What and why did Maharaj tell Joban Pagi to give when he came back from Dharampur? (44)

Q.11 Select the SIX correct sentences from below and write them in the correct story sequence in the boxes. [6]

Topic: Sadguru Devanand Swami (17-21)

1. Devanand Swami's guidance, as well as his blessings, moulded, Nanalal into a great poet. 2. Brahmanand Swami had Devidan serve with him for some time, after which Shriji Maharaj initiated him as a Sadhu, naming him Devanand Swami. 3. Shriji Maharaj rolled his sleeves up to his elbows. 4. After Brahmanand Swami went to Akshardham, Devanand Swami succeeded him as Mahant of Vadhavan mandir. 5. Maharaj licked streams of milk trickled down from his elbows straight up to his hands. 6. I am going to dham day after tomorrow, so please make a wooden chair to take my body to the funeral pyre. 7. Devanand Swami was born on Kartik sud punam, samvat 1859. 8. If five footsteps of kumkum show up at the entrance of Dada Khachar's home tomorrow, believe what I say to be true. 9. Shriji Maharaj's murti had long since left him enchanted. 10. His kirtans are most describing spiritual teachings with an emphasis on jnan. 11. Raya Khachar quickly brought a bowl of milk and thuli. 12. Shriji Maharaj let his feet dangle to the ground and he soon began to eat.

- (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 Correct the following sentences and rewrite them in relation to the sentence heading. [4]

Note: One mark will be awarded for each sentence written completely correctly.

Example: Swami Yagnapriyadasji: While wandering on the farm, Motibhai's son, Jethabhai, was bit by a scorpion and Jethabhai soon passed away. Then he came with Shriji Maharaj and said "Narayan" to Motibhai.

Ans: Swami Yagnapriyadasji: While working in the pasture, Ashabhai's son, Desaibhai, was bit by a snake and Desaibhai soon passed away. Then he came with Bhagatji Maharaj and said "Jai Swaminarayan" to Ashabhai.

- 1. **Sadguru Brahmanand Swami:** Once, Maharaj had fallen ill in Panchala. During his illness, he would call Mulji Brahmachari near temple every day, praising him and giving him prasad from Thakorji's dish. Brahmachari, however, had his doubts. (12)
- 2. **Bhaktaraj Darbar Shri Jhinabhai:** When Jhinabhai was eleven years old, his father, a disciple of Atmanand Swami, received both Atmanand Swami and Nilkanth Varni in his palace in Junagadh. (31)
- 3. **Bhaktaraj Jivuba:** "Set aside this feats," Jiva Khachar boomed. "If this guru of yours is really true, he'll come tomorrow and drink that sharbat. Otherwise my spear is ready to cut you to pieces." (49)
- 4. **Bhaktaraj Jobanpagi:** Laxminarayan had previously granted Joban Pagi darshan in Dabhan as the King, Satradharma, yet Joban had forgotten Laxminarayan due to the stark meritorious that had enwrapped his mind. Joban Pagi was an infamous bandit. He was such a terror in Charotar. (42)


SECTION 3: ESSAY

Q.13 Write an essay on any ONE of the following: (In approximately 30 lines.) [10]

- 1. Unforgettable golden memories from Pramukh Swami Maharaj's divine life. (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati) September-October 2016, pp. 18 to 27)
- 2. Unique gift from Pramukh Swami Maharaj: His Divine Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj. (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati) September-October 2016, pp. 160 to 162)
- 3. Surat: Golden page in the history of spirituality and religion. (Swaminarayan Prakash (Gujarati) January 2017, pp. 4-6, 58)

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