



(Time: 2.00 to 4.15 p.m.)

**SATSANG PARICHAY : PAPER - 2**

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**SECTION 1: KISHORE SATSANG PARICHAY - 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, July 2014**

**Total Marks: 75**

- Q.1** In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. [9]
1. "Oh no! This is indeed really bad."
  2. "Why should we worry about it?"
  3. "Oh dear! Please do not beat our sadhus."
- Q.2** Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. [5]
1. How does Shriji Maharaj define dharma in Shikshapatri?
  2. What did Gunatitanand Swami say to Ghanshyamdas who was meditating?
  3. Why was Ardeskar Kotwal surprised on waking up in the morning?
  4. When does the mind become steadfast?
  5. How does Shriji Maharaj grant moksha to satsangis?
- Q.3** Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). [6]
1. Brahmanand Swami started building a big three-pinnacled mandir in Vartal.
  2. Sheshji gave the verdict without saying anything to Vashishtha and Vishwamitra.
  3. Shriji Maharaj left in a hurry from Dadusar.
- Q.4** Complete the following. [8]
1. Jo antkale ..... pan mukti leshe.
  2. Pota agal re ..... na thaye jote.
  3. Nijia tattva patha ..... bhaje sada.
  4. Translate the shlok: Dhyayato vishyanpunsaha ..... bhijayate.
- Q.5** Write short notes on "Lakshmichand Sheth" (in 15 lines). [5]
- Q.6** "Kalyanno khap....." - Complete the Swamini Vat and narrate it. [5]

**SECTION 2: PRAGJI BHAKTA - 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, September 2009**

- Q.7** In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. [9]
1. "How is it that you, a householder, are placing your hands on the head of a sadhu?"
  2. "Go to Junagadh. All my promises to you shall be fulfilled there."
  3. "Iron transformed by a paras into gold cannot be converted back into iron even by a paras."
- Q.8** Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. [5]
1. What does a guru do?
  2. Where did Bhagatji Maharaj sit during the annakut festival in Mahuva mandir?
  3. About which five realities did Bhagatji talk in details to the Diwan of Vansda with the relevant quotations of which scriptures?
  4. Who used to accompany Pragji Bhakta while visiting Vartal to stay in the company of whom?
  5. In whom was Shriji Maharaj manifest after Bhagatji Maharaj returned to Akshardham?
- Q.9** Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). [6]
1. Kanjibhai began to continuously see the murtis of Shriji Maharaj and Swami.
  2. Yoganand Swami observed that he will be a great devotee.
  3. Pragji Bhakta resolved to be worthy of the Swami's blessings.

**Q.10 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct options. [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. When did Bhagatji Maharaj return to the Akshardham?

- (1) ☐ Samvat 1954.
- (2) ☐ Samvat 1957.
- (3) ☐ Kartik sud 11.
- (4) ☐ Kartik sud 13.

2. Realization

- (1) ☐ Swami's question at the end of seven days of meditation.
- (2) ☐ Was dressed in saffron robes.
- (3) ☐ Had the darshan of Shriji Maharaj on the eighth day.
- (4) ☐ Swami has earned you this merit.

3. End of Exile

- (1) ☐ Put up in a mandir.
- (2) ☐ Went on a spiritual tour in Gujarat.
- (3) ☐ Instructed them to wear saffron robes.
- (4) ☐ Bhagatji Maharaj met them.

**Q.11 Write short notes on any ONE of the following. (In 15 lines.) [5]**

- 1. Do or Die for the Guru.
- 2. Bhagatji Asked for three boons.

**Q.12 Rewrite the incorrect words shown below in relation to the sentence heading. [6]**


**Note: Marks will be awarded only if a completely correct sentence is written. Otherwise no marks will be awarded.**

**Example: Grand reception at Junagadh:** An Amin devotee named Acharya Jatashankar once asked his student, Manilal Bhatt, "How is it that Jaga Bhakta, a cobbler, sits on a raised seat and the Acharya prostrates to him?"

**Ans. Grand reception at Junagadh:** A Nagar devotee named Dr. Umiyashankar once asked his guru, Balmukunddasji, "How is it that Pragji Bhakta, a tailor, sits on a cot and the sadhus prostrates to him?"

- 1. **Bananas on a Cactus:** He is yet to be praised. He is an beginning devotee. You would not have been able to concentrate like this.
- 2. **Discord in the Fellowship:** Before leaving for Gadhada to participate in the Ashadh Amas festival of V. S. 1932, Swami remarked, "This time Pragji will fall ill, but I have made his body so that nothing will harm him."
- 3. **Guru Of Shastri Yagnapurushdasji:** Krishnaswarupdasji and Yagnapurushdasji were companion parshads. Once Krishnaswarupdasji requested Acharya Maharaj to get him the pair of ear-ring of Shriji Maharaj Mahapurushdas had.
- 4. **Jal-jhilani Celebration at Gadhada:** However much one may talk about brahman one cannot become brahmarup. One has to offer bhajan with a full understanding of Sadhu's glory.
- 5. **Sixty-eight places of pilgrimage at thy feet:** Though he was a bhandari of the ashram, Nishkulanand Swami did not spare himself from certain manual work in the ashram. This did not allow him to devote much time to delivering bhajan-kirtan. He felt sorry that he could not concentrate much on bhajan-kirtan.
- 6. **With Gunatitanand Swami at Junagadh:** As Jaga Bhakta adored Nityanand Swami very much; he found the pangs of separation unbearable. He felt sad and unhappy and left Mahuva and reached Junagadh.

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