

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

TIME: 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

SATSANG PRARAMBHA

(Note: Figures after the question indicate the page number of the answer.)

(TOTAL MARKS: 100)

SECTION 1: GHANSHYAM CHARITRA - 7th Edition, June 2015**Q.1 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when.****[9]**

1. "If Rampratapbhai comes, he will break our bones." (71)
2. "I will drown if I try to walk through the water?" (69)
3. "Bear this in mind. Don't make your body suffer by fasting." (57)

Q.2 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer.**[4]**

1. Which devas came down from the sky to Ghanshyam at Khampa Talavdi? (38)
2. Where did Bhaktimata go to bring milk? (12)
3. What condition did Ghanshyam keep to get his ears pierced? (9)
4. When did Ghanshyam instruct the siddhis to bring food? (12)

Q.3 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 correct.**

Example: Monkeys Get A Sound Thrashing: Once Rampratap took some chapattis and yogurt on a plate and sat down to eat in the kitchen. A mischievous monkey came up with a lap, snatched some chapattis from Rampratap's plate and leapt back to a branch of the neem tree and sat there.

Ans: Monkeys Get A Sound Thrashing: Once Ghanshyam took some puris and yogurt on a plate and sat down to eat in the verandah. A mischievous monkey came up with a lap, snatched some puris from Ghanshyam's plate and leapt back to a branch of the tamarind tree and sat there.

1. **Sixteen signs of God:** The minister thought to himself, "If Ghanshyam is king incarnate, then two tests will settle the issue. First it is mentioned in Shastras that king does not cast a mustache. Secondly, they also say that there are sixteen sacred queens on king's palace. (40-41)
2. **Naming the Lord:** Your son will restore Bhakti on moon. He will relieve the miseries of some people, and thus your fame will spread abroad. He will grace Brahmins with samadhi, and liberate them. (7)
3. **Ghanshyam's daily routine:** At seven, he would visit all the mandirs in Chhapaiya and have dandvat of the deities. Wherever the Bhagvat was being narrated he would sit and listen to it with rapt attention. (77)
4. **In search of Gauri, the cow:** Rampratap saw that there was a lion resting under a tree. The lion's eyes shone, and he was yawning. The lion soon smelt cow flesh, and so he shouted as he got up. (68)

Q.4 Write briefly five main points (in sentences) on any ONE incident.**(Continuous narration is not required.)****[5]**

1. The barber sees a miracle. (14-16)
2. Ghanshyam is seen as Ramchandra. (61-62)

Q.5 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. Sparrows sent into samadhi (21-23)
 - (1) ☐ 'You go and look after the orchard.'
 - (2) ☐ 'What were you told?'
 - (3) ☐ Ichchharam was not there.
 - (4) ☐ Ghanshyam is the Supreme God.
2. Darshan in two forms (73-75)
 - (1) ☐ Darshan of two forms of Ghanshyam in annakut arti.
 - (2) ☐ They prostrated before both, Mahadevji and Ghanshyam.
 - (3) ☐ Dharmadev served the consecrated food to all villagers.
 - (4) ☐ Annakut arti was performed at Prathit Pande's house.
3. Kalidatt meets his end (16-18)
 - (1) ☐ Forgot about Ichchharam.
 - (2) ☐ He Stretched out his hand to kill Ghanshyam.
 - (3) ☐ Ghanshyam sat under a mango tree.
 - (4) ☐ All the children hid themselves in the hollow of a tamarind tree.
4. Curing smallpox (18-19)
 - (1) ☐ Ghanshyam has smallpox.
 - (2) ☐ Put him to bed in one of the more secluded rooms.
 - (3) ☐ Put him to bed in one of the more crowded rooms.
 - (4) ☐ Please bring some hot water.

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

1. Ghanshyam restored Vrajvihari's eyesight. (76)
2. Ghanshyam gave the monkeys a sound thrashing. (24)
3. The elephant lifted the mahout with the intention of dashing him. (46)

SECTION 2: YOGIJI MAHARAJ - 8th Edition, February 2014**Q.7 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when.****[9]**

1. "Why do you bring your wailing children to my farm?" (1-2)
2. "Yes, I will become a sadhu." (6)
3. "Today I have failed to give you water on time." (32)

[P.T.O.]

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- Q.8 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. [4]**
- Where did Jinabhai go for his morning bath and meditation? (2)
 - On the way back after grazing cattle, what would Jinabhai bring with him? (12)
 - What would Yogiji maharaj forget when engaged in seva? (28)
 - To whose house and under what pretext, did Jina Bhagat go in Rajkot? (15)
- Q.9 Select the SIX correct sentences from below and write them in the correct story sequence in the boxes. [6]**
- Topic: Yogiji Maharaj's life-work (44-47)**
1. He held 500 parayans and shibirs by which thousands of devotees benefited from Satsang. 2. Yogiji Maharaj strictly observed eight-fold brahmacharya and the renunciation of wealth. 3. A monthly periodical named Swaminarayan Satsang Patrika was also started. 4. Through his socio-spiritual works people looked up to him with reverence and respect. 5. He implicitly obeyed even the most minor commands of Shastriji Maharaj. 6. He never engaged in or allowed criticism of others. 7. He built many smruti mandirs. 8. He himself laboured with the devotees to construct the Gunatitnagar railway station at Bhadra. 9. Yogiji Maharaj established a school for higher education in Sanskrit for the sadhus in Sarangpur. 10. Leaders of many different religions often approached for guidance and blessings. 11. He published and made popular the Harilakalpataru – a shastra written by Mulji Brahmachari. 12. He had great respect for all religions.
- (1) Write the correct sentence numbers **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.**
- (2) Correct sequence of sentences
- Q.10 Write short notes on any ONE of the following. (In 15 lines.) [5]**
- The likings of Yogiji Maharaj. (51-52)
 - Pramukh Swami Maharaj. (54-55)
- Q.11 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). [6]**
- The 70th birthday of Yogiji Maharaj will be written in letters of gold in the annals of the Sanstha's history. (42-43)
 - Dr. Aspinol and the devotees were surprised. (36)
 - Yogiji Maharaj did not go to see the king's wedding procession. (20-21)
- SECTION 3: KISHORE SATSANG PRARAMBHA - 8th Edition, May 2015**
- Q.12 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. [4]**
- Whose company does a satsangi child avoid? (52)
 - How many wounds were on Bhaguji's body? (26)
 - When and where did Shriji Maharaj initiate Mulji Bhakta into the sadhu-fold? (Samvat-Month-Tithi) (38)
 - Which murtis should one keep in one's daily puja? (12)
- Q.13 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.**
- Behaviour in Bal Mandal (57)
 - ☐ Seat in ahead of everyone.
 - ☐ We should reply in a very polite manner.
 - ☐ We should not be too proud.
 - ☐ Be in an orderly queue for drinking water.
 - Punja Dodia (53)
 - ☐ Ran after him in the direction of Sarangpur.
 - ☐ Ran after him in the direction of Kariyani.
 - ☐ He will take me to his abode on the 13th day.
 - ☐ He will take me to his abode on the 12th day.
 - Samant Patel (28-29)
 - ☐ A true devotee of Sadhu sacrifices everything.
 - ☐ He came to Gadhada for darshan of Shriji Maharaj.
 - ☐ He brought 4.5 ton food
 - ☐ Food needed to feed the labourers.
 - The Muslim Woman from Bhal Region. (35)
 - ☐ A neem stick.
 - ☐ Maharaj have a bath in the river.
 - ☐ Who is the foregon in this place.
 - ☐ This stick is for God only.
- Q.14 Fill in the blanks. [4]**
- Shriji Maharaj spent years of his life in Gadhada in the darbar of (8)
 - Dacoit was completely changed by the influence of (2)
 - Vajiba went to for darshan of (61)
 - A sadhu gave Swami some to eat. (30)
- Q.15 Complete the kirtans/verses/shloks below. [8]**
- Shastra sakalno Gunatitanand jai jai. (62)
 - Kari katha ghauni ghi ma chadhi. (31)
 - Jai Sadguru nakhya tadi. (22)
 - Ame sau Shriji tana Gunatit Swami. (Shaurya Geet)
- Q.16 "Swaminarayan namna mantra....." (41-42) - Complete the Swamini Vato and write an explanatory note on it (in 15 lines). [5]**
- Q.17 "Akhandanand Swami" (20-21) - Write five brief sentences on the main points of this incident. (Continuous narration is not required.) [5]**
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