



(Time: 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.)

**SATSANG PRAGNA - 2 : PAPER - 2**

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**Total Marks: 100**

**SECTION 1: REALIZATION OF BRAHMAVIDYA – 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, JUNE 2015**

**Q.1 From the given options, place a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct options. [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.

- Gunatitanand Swami as Aksharbrahman: An Authentic Letter
  - ☐ O how Gunatitanand Swami is and of what is Ghanshyamdas Swami!
  - ☐ Jugo juga jivo eva jogi.
  - ☐ He is my eternal abode, Akshardham.
  - ☐ The owners of the sheets should come and take them.
- The Process of Dissolution
  - ☐ Maha-pralay
  - ☐ Nitya-pralay
  - ☐ Atyantik-pralay
  - ☐ Nimitta-pralay
- Aksharbrahman: As Sachchidanand, Luminous Chidakash
  - ☐ It sustains maya and all its evolutes - the countless millions of brahmands.
  - ☐ Aksharbrahman is the abode in which God resides.
  - ☐ Akshar is changing, eternal and the abode of Parmeshwar.
  - ☐ The Akshar does not have any states of contraction or expansion; it forever remains in the same state.
- Loss Due to Perceiving Human Traits in God
  - ☐ If doubts arise about the supremacy of God, then one cannot overcome bhavsagar.
  - ☐ For one who has doubts in realizing God, attaining liberation would be very difficult.
  - ☐ One who perceives any flaws in Sadhu will suffer greatly at the time of his death.
  - ☐ If God disliked in any way, then the jiva of such a person, becomes like the dark moon of Amas.

**Q.2 Write concisely on the following. (In 15 lines.) [10]**

- Shriji Maharaj's Extraordinary Work: Granting his Devotees the Spiritual Status of Brahman. **OR**
- Necessity of Understanding the form of Aksharbrahman: For Ultimate Liberation.
- Bhagwan Swaminarayan - Supreme: As Expressed in 'Nishkulanand Kavya' and 'Bhakta Chintamani'. **OR**
- Who is included in the Ishwar category?

**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,....."

**Ans:** Shriji Maharaj's command to become brahmarup and offer upasana to Parabrahman.

- "The understanding which Nityanand Swami has is the best. This is indeed how a true upasak should be."
- "God possesses a definite form in his Akshardham."
- "A jiva cannot experience the fruits of its karmas according to its own will or a direct consequence of its karmas."
- "Brahma ane Parabrahma: Brahma te Gunatit Swami, Parabrahma Sahajanand Swami."
- "Without Shrihari's presence within him, that Virat-Purush does not even have the ability to stand."
- "If one has upasana and the highest level of conviction in the supreme form of God then all spiritual means will follow."

**Q.4 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. [6]**

- Why no one can understand the glory of Parabrahman to the extent that Aksharbrahman can?
- What is the vyatirek form of the jiva?
- According to Vachanamrut Gadhada II 3, what is Parabrahman, who transcends Brahman, like?
- Under which name did Shriji Maharaj install his own murti in Vartal?
- What is meant by 'attachment towards one's body'?
- How can the jiva attain liberation when God is not manifest on earth?

- Q.5 Write detailed notes on any ONE of the following topics. (In 25–30 lines.)** [10]
1. Shriji Maharaj Essence of Discourses about his Own Form: A Range of Different Audience
  2. Jivan mukti

**SECTION 2: BRAHMASWARUP PRAGJI BHAKTA LIFE AND WORK – 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, March 2011**

- Q.6 Write concisely on any ONE of the following. (In 30 lines.)** [12]
1. The Relation Between Bhagatji Maharaj and Acharya Purushottamdasji (Only incidents from ‘Grand Festival in Ahmedabad’ to ‘Darshan in Jetalpur’).
  2. Bhagatji’s Art of Delivering Discourses on the Vachanamrut (Only incidents from ‘Distribution of Beneficial Advice and Goodness’ to ‘The Sadhus Are Sent to Vartal’).
  3. Insults Tolerated by Bhagatji (Only incidents from ‘At whose refuge will Ekantik Dharma stay?’ to ‘The Road to Mahuva Is Always Busy’).
- 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. Introduction of Shastriji Maharaj Given by Bhagatji Maharaj (Only incidents from ‘The Journey Towards Mahuva’ to ‘No Bliss of Maharaj’s Murti Until One Becomes Brahmarup’).
  2. The Boatman of God, Bhagatji (Only incidents from ‘Vaishnav Customs in the Upasana of Our Sampradaya’ to ‘Never Behave Against the Ways of the World’).
  3. Bhagatji Insulted Without Any Reason: Explain this with Reference to the Vachanamrut (Only incidents from ‘What Have You Seen in This Pragji Bhakta’ to ‘Departure Towards Gujarat’).
- 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. Attachment to the Satpurush
  2. Even Sahajanand Swami cannot Excommunicate me now!
  3. Divine Bliss in Bhadrod
  4. Darshan Even once will Guarantee Akshardham
  - 5 This has Always Been your Way.
- Q.9 Describe the personality of any ONE of the characters below through incidents.** [8]
1. Prabhudas Kothari (Mumbai) (Only incidents from ‘The Wish to Depart for Akshardham’ to ‘Bhagatji Gives Darshan to Shastri Mahararaj in Rajkot’).
  2. Mayatitanand Swami (Only incidents from ‘A Spiritual State Similar to the Gopis’ to ‘Difficulties in Mahuva’).

**SECTION 3: SWAMINI VATO – Website PDF Edition**

- Q.10 Write concisely on any TWO of the following. (In 5 lines each.)** [6]
1. What was Govind Swami’s detachment like?
  2. When did Shriji Maharaj’s holy feet come on this earth?
  3. What did Swami say to Kalyanbhai about the glory of satsang?
- Q.11 Explain any TWO of the following and give a suitable Swamini Vato reference from the syllabus. (In 8–10 lines each.)** [4]
1. A gluttonous Nagar devotee overcame his desire for tasty foods.
  2. Nachiketa was not lured by Yamraja’s offer of temporary pleasures.
  3. Gunatitanand Swami kept eight puranis in Junagadh.
  4. Nilkanth Varni separated the combined assembly of men and women.
- Q.12 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer.** [4]
1. How does Shriji Maharaj liberate the souls today?
  2. When can one know that the subtle body has been controlled?
  3. How many years lifespan was written in Gunatitanand Swami’s horoscope?
  4. When one can say that he has accepted a guru?
- Q.13 Describe any TWO of the following examples or incidents and write their principles. (In 8 lines each.)** [6]
1. They will pick up my bed and throw it in the waste dump
  2. The wounded skin of a monkey
  3. “Ek Ram Ram bolva na shikhyo to shikhyo sarve gayo dhurme” (Without learning to recite the name of Ram, everything else is reduced to dust).



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