



(Time: 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.)

**SATSANG PRARAMBHA**

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**SECTION 1: GHANSHYAM CHARITRA - 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, June 2015**

**Total Marks: 100**

- Q.1 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when.** [9]
1. "My bones are all aching...I have made a mistake. Please forgive me."
  2. "We shall never again go to Chhapaiya to bring the child-god."
  3. "The rice in our field is now ripe."

- Q.2 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer.** [4]
1. When did Ghanshyam awake daily in the morning?
  2. What did the washerman, Manchha, say to the boys when he was completely exhausted?
  3. Which morning bhajan did Chandanmasi begin to sing while grinding?
  4. Why did the thieves enter the farm?

- Q.3 Rewrite the incorrect sentences below in relation to the sentence heading.** [4]

**Note:** Marks will be awarded only if a completely correct sentence is written.

**Otherwise no marks will be awarded.**

**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. **Ghanshyam has his ears pierced:** Thus, for a long time, Ichchharam was visible to Dharmadev in three separate places at the same time. The man who had come to pierce Ichchharam's ears was frightened on seeing the three forms of Ghanshyam.
2. **A feast for his friends:** Veniram went to the tree to which he had tied his bag. Then he started serving delicious ladoos from the bag to all the Brahmins.
3. **The Priest's sight is restored:** The next day, Rampratap went for discourse at the Hanuman Gadhi mandir. A handicapped Brahmin named Gokuldas was the narrator of that mandir.
4. **Khampa talavadi:** Meanwhile, Ramchandra, Sun, Windgod, Krishna and the other devas came down from the Vaikunth. Ramchandra at once summoned Ashwini Kumar, the physician of the devas.

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

1. Curing Smallpox.
2. In Search of Gauri, the Cow.

- Q.5 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.

1. In which direction are the aspirants?
 

(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Mango tree.	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> West direction.
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Shri Krishna's Dwarika lies there.	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> I want to live in Ayodhya.
2. Walking on water.
 

(1) <input type="checkbox"/> The lake was swelling rapidly.	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Cyclone emerged.
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Went on the border of the village.	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> All of them held one another's Dhotis from behind.
3. Signs on Ghanshyam's right sole.
 

(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Swastik	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Dhanush	(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Kalash	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Ashtakon
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4. The barber sees a miracle.
 

(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sent for some gur inside the house and gave it to Ghanshyam.
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Rays of brilliant light started coming out of Ghanshyam's body.
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Bhaktimata whispered, "Reappear to Amai."
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Dharmadev distributed patasa to all.

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

1. Rampratapbhai was surprised when he went in search of Ghanshyam.
2. The whole of Dharmadev's house became filled with divine light and joy.
3. Ghanshyam thought that the bawa should be taught a lesson.

**SECTION 2: YOGIJI MAHARAJ - 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, February 2014**

- Q.7 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when.** [9]

1. "For a long time I had wanted to prepare food to serve Thakorji."
2. "We should never think that Shastriji Maharaj has gone from our midst."
3. "Do not worry, I will serve Thakorji."

**Q.8 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. [4]**

1. What was the name of the headmaster who beat the innocent Chandu?
2. Who insulted whom at Narayan Dharo?
3. What did Krishnacharandas Swami, the sadhus and devotees call Jnanjivandasji?
4. What would Jinabhai say when his classmates asked him to show his slate?

**Q.9 Select the SIX correct sentences from below and write them in the correct story sequence in the boxes. [6]**

**Topic: Jina Bhagat in Junagadh.**

1. Jina Bhagat was given the name Gyanji Swami after receiving the parshad diksha. 2. While the cattle grazed, Jina Bhagat sang bhajans. 3. On the 7th day of month of Kartik vad in the year V.S.1865, Jinabhai left home. 4. Every morning he cleaned the cowsheds and collected cow-dung. 5. Mother Puribai prepared shiro and served her son for the last time. 6. In the year V.S.1965 Jinabhai was given the parshad diksha on the fourteenth day of the month of kartik vad. 7. Sadguru Vignandas Swami gave him parshad diksha. 8. He would gather three hundred babul sticks for brushing teeth, while returning along with the cattle. 9. He would go to the foot of Mount Girnar to graze cow & buffaloes. 10. He went to Junagadh with Kalshibhai. 11. Till late night he would listen to the discourses & still get up at four in the morning to serve his guru once again. 12. During katha he would sing bhajans & chant the Swaminarayan mantra.

(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 the six sentence numbers are correct and (2) 3 marks will be awarded only if all the sequence of sentence numbers are correct. Otherwise no marks will be given.**

**Q.10 Write short notes on any ONE of the following (in 15 lines). [5]**

1. Indifferent to Insult.
2. Austere Jina Bhagat.

**Q.11 Give reasons for the following (two to three lines each). [6]**

1. Yogiji Maharaj was an ideal of seva.
2. Yogiji Maharaj was highly respected by leaders of many different religions.
3. The teachers told Jinabhai to become a sadhu.

**SECTION 3: KISHORE SATSANG PRARAMBHA - 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, October 2010**

**Q.12 Answer ALL of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. [4]**

1. How did Ramanand Swami introduce Sahajanand Swami to Gangama in her dream?
2. How should we offer our devotion to God?
3. Which saints did Punjabhai meet first?
4. Why did Muktanand Swami become very sad?

**Q.13 Fill in the blanks. [4]**

1. Shriji Maharaj put Jodho into ..... and showed him his divine form in .....
2. Prabhudas ..... at the age of .....
3. Installed his own murti in the mandir at .....
4. Shriji Maharaj said to ....., "I shall keep only ..... rupees. I want you to take back the rest of the money."

**Q.14 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.**

1. Jodho the shepherd.  
(1) ☐ The village was Moti Boru. (2) ☐ "Take the cattle to the outskirt."  
(3) ☐ With Maharaj's darshan he immediately left his home.  
(4) ☐ Deluged the whole universe only to save a one sparrow.
2. Prayer  
(1) ☐ Sadbuddhi sadbhav Prabhu apo. (2) ☐ Swadharmi bhasma choli to.  
(3) ☐ Akshardhamna dhami tame chho. (4) ☐ Abhay kar muj shir par sthapo.
3. Shastriji Maharaj  
(1) ☐ Departed to Akshardham at Gadhdha. (2) ☐ Vaishakh sud 4.  
(3) ☐ V.S. 2007. (4) ☐ Yogiji Maharaj was appointed the president of the sanstha.
4. Who worshipped God in childhood?  
(1) ☐ Dhruv (2) ☐ Narsinh Mehta  
(3) ☐ Prahlad (4) ☐ Mirabai

**Q.15 Complete the kirtans/verses/shloks below. [8]**

1. Shobho sadhugune ..... vandu aho. 2. Swami is ..... Paramtma is Sahajanand Swami.
3. Pragat Hari ..... hradaye dhari. 4. Jenu nam ..... namu prithhi.

**Q.16 'Swaminarayan namna mantra.....' - Complete the Swamini Vat and write an explanatory note on it. (In 15 lines.) [5]**

**Q.17 'Vajiba of Vijapur' - Write five brief sentences on the main points of this incident (Continuous narration is not required). [5]**

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