



(Time: 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.)

SATSANG PRAGNA - 1 : PAPER - 2

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SECTION 1: INVALUABLE SCRIPTURES OF BRAHMAVIDYA – 1st Edition April 2015

Total Marks: 100

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.

1. How should one understand the difference between an avatar and the source of the avatars?

- (1) ☐ Like an actor and his dress (2) ☐ A servant and the king
(3) ☐ An arrow and the archer (4) ☐ The stars and the moon

2. Gunatitanand Swami: Perceptible Experience of Atma-Paramatma

- (1) ☐ Asked for curd from his mother
(2) ☐ Please sing songs of the Vasant
(3) ☐ I never do anything by forgetting Maharaj
(4) ☐ I can introspect and state that God is like this

3. Inclusive Philosophy

- (1) ☐ He who understands the true nature of God using all four systems together becomes completely enlightened
(2) ☐ If he ignores two systems, he is known as being three-quarters enlightened
(3) ☐ Vedanti's jnan is hypocritical
(4) ☐ If he ignores three systems, he is known as being half enlightened

4. Importance of Having Firm Faith in God for Liberation

- (1) ☐ Realize that the form amidst the divine light is this Swami visible before you
(2) ☐ There is no alternative but to realise it and imbibe it firmly
(3) ☐ Remember it tomorrow just as it is today
(4) ☐ Never forget it out of easyness

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

1. What is Brahavidya and its Purpose? **OR**
2. Keenness for Seva of Shriji Maharaj
3. Swamini Vato: Introduction **OR**
4. The Desire to Serve of Gunatitanand Swami

Q.3 Give the topic heading of the reference. [6]

Example: Gadhada II 35 - "Even amidst the activities of all my indriyas, I do not lose awareness of my atma for even a moment."

Ans. Bhagwan Swaminarayan's spiritual sadhnas: Contemplation

1. 'What does not happen even after ten million lives of introspection, will happen in one month with the help of the great Sadhu. Such is the power of this association.'
2. 'Devise ways to help prevent obstacles on the path of liberation.'
3. 'Thus, to remain happy learn the principles of Sankhya.'
4. 'All(spiritual) knowledge is contained in the Vachanamrut. He(Shriji Maharaj) has not left any topic unexplained.'
5. 'If one continues to perceive human traits in God, then final liberation is not attained.'
6. 'Tyar pachhi magh masmay, karu parakakruchh kahevaya;'

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

1. What does Shriji Maharaj say about his fathomless passion for spiritual discourses in Gadhada II 49?
2. In SNV 1.231, what does Swami say about the power of his discourses?
3. How many Vachanamruts are there in the Loya Section?
4. Maharaj initiated an all-encompassing path. But which he never lost sight of the principle?
5. What unique definition of 'seva' has Swami given?
6. What Swami says in SNV 1.166 about the glory of God's attainment Prapti?

Q.5 Write detailed notes on any ONE of the following topics. (In 25–30 lines.) [10]

1. Vachanamrut contains the Essence, Significance and Principles of all Hindu Scriptures.
2. The uniqueness of the use of Analogies and incidents in Swamini Vato.

SECTION 2: SHASTRIJI MAHARAJ VISTRUT JIVANCHARITRA, PART 1

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Q.6 Write concisely on any ONE of the following. (In 30 lines.) [12]

1. Transformations due to the association of Shastriji Maharaj (Only incidents from ‘The Experience of Divine Bliss’ to ‘The Kothari’s Anguish’).
2. Shastriji Maharaj’s influence manifest through his discourses (Only incidents from ‘A Pilgrimage of the Five Sacred Places of Sorath’ to ‘Image Installation in Wadhwan: The First Victory’).
3. Hardships tolerated by Shastriji Maharaj to spread the upasana (Only incidents from ‘The Vachanamrut Discourse in Vadodara’ to ‘Do Not Leave the Doors of Vartal’).

Q.7 Write short notes on any TWO of the following topics.

(Each short note should contain two incidents of five lines each.)

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1. The desire to serve of Shastriji Maharaj (Only incidents from ‘The Festival in Sanjaya’ to ‘Ranabhai Transformed from a Pseudo Satsangi to a Pure Satsangi’).
2. Swamishri: one’s own devotees guard (Only incidents from ‘The Hot Milk Sweet and Bland’ to ‘Mahapurush Swami Passes Away’).
3. Shriji Maharaj’s wish: Mandirs of pure upasana and hardships faced (Only incidents from ‘The Beginning of the Knowledge of Akshar-Purushottam’ to ‘The Propagator of Pure Upasana’).

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. The Universe will be Destroyed before this Stone Falls
2. The image of Service and Penance.
3. My Birth is just to make Mandirs.
4. The Bullocks pulled us here.
5. Departure for Surat

Q.9 Describe the personality of any ONE of the characters below through incidents.

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1. Krishnaswarupanandji Brahmachari (Only incidents from ‘The Commitment to Visit Krishnaji Maharaj’s Home’ to ‘Parayan in Ashi’).
2. Sadhu Harikrishnadas (Only incidents from ‘Swami Shri’s Power Shine’ to ‘The Main Way To Sustain One’s Spiritual State’).

SECTION 3: SWAMINI VATO – Website PDF Edition

Q.10 Write concisely on any TWO of the following. (In 5 lines each.)

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1. Why does the jiva hesitate in describing Maharaj as Purushottam?
2. What does Swami explain using the example of 1000 million packets of ash?
3. When is grace of the great sadhu earned and when is not earned?

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. Muktanand Swami described Gunatitanand Swami as one with control over the senses.
2. Parvatbhai told Swarupanand Swami to concentrate on the roof tiles of Dada Khachar.
3. Intense love for the Satpurush is the only means to realizing one’s atma and having the direct realization of God.
4. Amoghanand Swami did not go to Akshardham, but went to Vaikunth.

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

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1. What is ‘buddhi yoga’?
2. Which shlok did Swami recite to describe that humans believe God and his Sadhu to be like themselves?
3. Who asked the question ‘What is the nature of kalyan of the satsangis?’
4. When is one not trapped in the net of maya?

Q.13 Describe any TWO of the following examples or incidents and write their principles. (In 8 lines each.)

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1. A rich businessman went to the abode of Vishnu.
2. Angad planted his leg in Ravan’s assembly.
3. Those who have recognized this sadhu have both feet in Akshardham.

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