## BOCHASANWASI SHREE AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA SATSANG EXAMINATIONS SATSANG PRAVESH PAPER-1

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Date: 15th JULY 2001

Time: 9.00 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. **TOTAL MARKS: 75** 

Note: Figures to the right indicate the marks for that question.

### **SECTION - 1** (NEELKANTH CHARITRA)

### Q.1 For any TWO of the following, state who is speaking to whom and when the words were spoken.

- 1. "My mind has never been drawn to anyone so far."
- 2. "Don't worry, I shall serve you."
- 3. "Neelkanth is the image of God. Let us invite Him to our house for dinner."
- 4. "Oh respected lady, who initiated you into this path of devotion?"

#### Q.2 Give reasons for any TWO of the following. (In 12 lines.)

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- 1. Pibek dragged himself on the ground and touched Neelkanth's feet.
- 2. Neelkanth finally choose to reside in Ramanand Swami's ashram.
- 3. Neelkanth cursed His own words.
- 4. Muktanand Swami bid his final "Rama, Rama" to the women in the sabha.

- Q.3 Answer concisely any <u>ONE</u> of the following. (In 12 lines.)
  - 1. Redemption of Jambuvan.
  - 2. The grandeur of Neelkanth.
  - 3. Redemption of the ascetics.

#### Q.4 Answer ALL of the questions below, using only one sentence for each answer.

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- 1. What was the date of Neelkanth's departure from home?
- 2. Why did Neelkanth leave Sevakram?
- 3. When begging for alms, what words did Neelkanth utter?
- 4. What marks did Bhagwandas see on Neelkanth's right foot?
- 5. What did Shiv and Parvati offer Neelkanth to eat?
- 6. For how many days did Neelkanth not get any food in Surat?

#### Q.5 Narrate any ONE of the following and bring out its moral. (In 12 lines.)

- 1. Plugging the hole in the wall.
- 2. Destruction of the asuras.
- 3. Severe austerities in Pulhasram.

#### **O.6** Fill in the blanks.

- 1. Neelkanth blessed and uplifted the Telangi Brahmin in the village/town of .....
- 2. Neelkanth carried fifteen maunds of cucumber from .....
- 3. Neelkanth was given diksha and named Sahajanand Swami and .....
- 4. A devotee named ..... took Neelkanth's letter to Ramanand Swami.

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#### **SECTION - 2**

#### (SATSANG READER PART-I)

- Q.7 For any TWO of the following, state who is speaking to whom and when the words were spoken.
  - 1. "Do not be in a hurry to come to dham."
  - 2. "You will be convinced when you see five footsteps of kanku on the threshold of your house."
  - 3. "Can't these rafters and bamboos be removed?"
  - 4. "To have served my sadhu is as good as having served me."

#### Q.8 Give reasons for any TWO of the following. (In 12 lines.) 8

- 1. Shriji Maharaj told Joban to serve him "physically".
- 2. Kothari Jetha bhagat left Vadtal Mandir.
- 3. Abhel Khachar apologised to Jivuba.
- 4. Shukmuni broke his fast by eating sukhdi before taking a bath or performing his puja.

#### Q.9 Write concisely about any ONE of the following. (In 12 lines.)

- 1. Ladudanji becomes Brahmanand.
- 2. Fuldol in Panchala.
- 3. The ideals of service (seva) and faith (nishtha) Ashabhai.

# Q.10 Answer ALL of the following, using only one sentence for each answer.

- 1. Why did Shriji Maharaj lift Jinabhai's body when he passed away?
- 2. What did Ramchandra say when he gave darshan to Ashabhai?
- 3. What other name was Jivuba known by?

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- 4. In which Vachanamrut has Shriji Maharaj praised Shukmuni?
- 5. Name four of the eight leading poets of Maharaj.
- 6. In which mandir, and under which name, has Shriji Maharaj installed His own murti?

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# Q.11 Narrate briefly any <u>ONE</u> of the following and bring out its moral. (In 12 lines.)

- 1. Devanand Swami's musical talents.
- 2. "Turned a donkey into a cow."
- 3. Nirgun Swami free from any desires.

#### SECTION - 3 (ESSAY)

#### Q.12 Write on any <u>ONE</u> of the following. (In approx. 45 lines.)

- 1. Neelkanth Ideal Kishore
- 2. Our treasure chest of scriptures.
- 3. BAPS Helping earthquake victims

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