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SATSANG SHIKHSHAN PARIKSHA

Bochasanwasi Shri Aksharpurushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha, Shahibaug, Ahmedabad - 380 004.

SATSANG PRAVIN : PAPER - 1

Sunday, 4 March 2018 **Time: 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.** **Total Marks: 100**

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SECTION 1: AKSHAR PURUSHOTTAM UPASANA

Q.1 For any TWO of the following, give THREE references from the scriptures. (It is compulsory to write the reference scripture and number.) (Total Marks: 6)

1. Shriji Maharaj – The supreme: In his own words.
2. Relationship between Akshar and Purushottam.
3. Parbrahman Paramatma is the all-doer.

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Q.2 Given below are references from the scriptures, principles or stanzas. Write the topic they relate to. (Total Marks: 5)

1. "Pran thaki mune Vaishnav vahala, rat divas hrude bhavu re."

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2. "I am his surety forever."

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3. "Oh, this is the doing of Jogi."

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4. "God and the abode of God are not even an atorn's distance away from a sadhu."

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5. "Tameva viditvatimrityumeti nanyaha pantha vidyate'yanaya II"

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Q.3 From the given options, place a tick (✔) in the box next to the correct options. (Total Marks: 4)

Note: One or more options may be correct. Full marks will be awarded only if all the correct options are chosen, otherwise no marks will be awarded.

1. Gunatitanand Swami is Akshar: From his life and work **2** Marks ☐

   (1) ☐ Today the lord of the divine abode has set out on his long pilgrimage.

   (2) ☐ I dont know how to manipulate stories to serve my personal motives.

   (3) ☐ Humbled the arrogant scholars with their half-baked knowledge of Brahman at Mahemdabad.

   (4) ☐ I had heard on many occasions from Maharaj himself that Swami was Mul Akshar.

2. Characteristics of the gunatit sadhu. **2** Marks ☐

   (1) ☐ Jadbuddhi jiva, Akshar padne ichchhe to kar Santnu parkhu.

   (2) ☐ So nar tumha saman Raghuraya.

   (3) ☐ That Sant appears to be human, he is still worthy of being worshipped on par with God.

   (4) ☐ The Sant who possesses these attributes has a direct relationship with God.

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Q.4 Describe any <u>ONE</u> of the following and highlight its significance. (Total Marks: 4)

1. Shriji Maharaj's instruction to stay one month every year in Junagadh in Gunatitanand Swami's company.
2. Ramanand Swami rebuked Lalji Suthar.
3. "Boy! Do not indulge in comparisons of God."

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Q.5 Write briefly on any <u>TWO</u> of the following. (In 12 lines each.) (Total Marks: 8)

1. Glory of the Gunatit Sadhu: In the words of Gunatitanand Swami.
2. If one continues to perceive human traits in God, then final moksha is not attained.
3. The need to become brahmarup: For unhindered devotion.

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Q.6 Explain any <u>TWO</u> of the following, giving reasons. (In 12 lines each.) (Total Marks: 8)

1. Even after millions of years, without becoming aksharrup and worshipping Purushottam, there is no final release.
2. Vyasji and Muktanand Swami prepared the shastras of manifest God and experienced true happiness.
3. We should be a devotee like Vibhishan.

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Q.7 Complete the following statements based on summary. (Total Marks: 7)

What to understand in upasana?

1. The five entities .....

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..... separate from each other. **1** Mak

2. In the personal attendant .....

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..... for the akshar muktas. **1** Mark

3. Therefore, when Parabrahman .....

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..... upasana only to Paramatma. **1** Mark

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4. He (Parbrahman) is the cause .....

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..... an avatar manifests. **1** Mark

What not to understand in Upasana?

5. The atma of .....

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..... like Aksharbrahman. **1** Mark

6. Only Purushottam .....

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..... Aksharbrahman. **1** Mark

7. Shriji Maharaj .....

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..... acharyas or devotees. **1** Mark

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Q.8 Write a short note on 'Deficiencies resulting from not realizing the pragat form of God'. **(Total Marks: 5)**

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SECTION 2: SATSANG READER PART III & PORTRAIT OF INSPIRATION – PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ

Q.9 In the sentences below, state who is speaking to whom and when. (Total Marks: 9)

1. "Bring a piece of coarse cloth."

   Who is speaking? ..... To Whom? .....

   When? .....

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2. "Have you not gone yet?"

   Who is speaking?..... To Whom?.....

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3. "Even we are Harina jan (God's people). Come closer."

   Who is speaking?..... To Whom? .....

   When? .....

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Q.10 Give reasons for the following. (In 9 lines each.) (Total Marks: 8)

1. Tulsidas relieved Mukunddas of his charge. **OR**
2. Raghuvirji Maharaj saved the Gosai from punishment.

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3. Frank experienced peace which he had never experienced before. **OR**
4. David, Daniel and Richard left wondering at the spark of divinity.

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Q.11 Answer the following concisely. (12 lines each.) (Total Marks: 8)

1. Parvatbhai's doubts were removed. **OR**
2. Paramchaitanyanand Swami in Dharampur.

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3. Prayer at midnight for the betterment of others. **OR**
4. Swamishri's profound faith in devotion to God.

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Q.12 Answer <u>ALL</u> of the following, using one sentence (not just one word) for each answer. (Total Marks: 5)

1. Who released Muktanand Swami from the matpanthi Bawa's captivity? **1** Mark

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2. From childhood, which sadhus did Shivlalbhai have the advantage and company of? **1** Mark

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3. Where and what did Khushal Bhakta and the Brahmins pray to God? **1** Mark

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4. What does Bhagwan Shri Krishna state in the Shrimad Bhagwat? **1** Mark

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5. What did Swamishri ask the attendant sadhu while cleaning the toilet? **1** Mark

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Total marks for above questions ☞ ☜ **Write only this mark on main page**

Q.13 From the given options, place a tick (✔) in the box next to the correct options. (Total Marks: 8)

Note: One or more options may be correct. Full marks will be awarded only if all the correct options are chosen, otherwise no marks will be awarded.

1. Madhavji was initiated and named. **2** Marks

(1) ☐ Raghavanand. (2) ☐ Aksharanand.

(3) ☐ Govindanand (4) ☐ Kailasanand.

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2. Gopalanand Swami consecrated murti of Hanumanji. **2** Marks

(1) ☐ Vagha Khachar. (2) ☐ Jiva Khachar of Sarangpur.

(3) ☐ Jiva Khachar of Gadhada. (4) ☐ Sura Khachar.

3. Swamishri's profound love and empathy **2** Marks

(1) ☐ Akshar Purushottam Chhatralay Nadiad (2) ☐ Sadhujivandas Swami

(3) ☐ Brand new car (4) ☐ Barefooted

4. Help to humanity by Swamishri. **2** Marks

(1) ☐ Pious for whole the life in Panchvartamaan.

(2) ☐ In the war of Afghanistan.

(3) ☐ The world renowned Swaminarayan mandir in London.

(4) ☐ Natural disasters in Orissa and Maharashtra.

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SECTION 3: ESSAY

Q.14 Write an essay on any <u>ONE</u>. (In approx 60 lines.) (Total Marks: 15)

1. Yuva Talim Kendra(YTK) spreads the light of spirituality
2. Divine touch of Shri Nilkanth Varni: Bajirao Peshwa of Pune and Maharaja Ranjit Singh of Punjab.
3. Spiritual dawn rises in the continent of Africa.

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