



Inspired: Pramukh Swami Maharaj

BAPS Bal Satsang Exams

SATSANG VIHAR – 1

Practice Paper



Date:

Time Allowed: 2 hours

Section	Description	Marks
A	Multiple Choice	40
B	True or False	20
C	One Sentence Answer	20
D	Complete the Verse	10
E	Essay	10
Total		100

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Answer **all** questions in **all** sections.
- Do not guess.
- Write as **neatly** as possible. Answers with cancellation will not be marked.

Section A: Multiple Choice

[40 Qs: 1 mark each]

Write the correct answer in the appropriate box.

1. Where was the arti written?

- A. Vadtal B. Kalvani C. Junagadh

2. What verse comes after *Purushottam pragat nu je darshan karshe, Kāl karma thi chhuti, kutumb sahit tarshe* in the aarti?

- A. *Nārāyan sukh dātā, dwij-kul tanu dhāri, Pāmar patit uddhāryā, aganit narnāri*
B. *Ā avsar karunā nidhi, karunā bahu kidhi, Muktanand kahe mukti, sugam kari sidhi*
C. *Nitya nitya nautam lilā kartā Avināshi, Adsath tirath charane, koti Gayā Kāshi*

3. Whose soul was transferred in to the horse by Vyapkanand Swami?

- A. a fly B. a mosquito C. A butterfly

4. Which one is one of the four vedas?

- A. Vachanamrut B. Shikshapatri C. Atharva

5. Which is the best of all forms the *jiva* takes in its cycle of births and rebirths?

- A. Animal B. Plant C. Human

6. Where did Ghanshyam live during his childhood?

- A. Chhapaiya B. Atladra C. Jetalpur

7. Ramanand Swami gave diksha to Nilkanth Varni in which city?

- A. Jetalpur B. Loya C. Piplana

8. What did Dharmadev teach Ghanshyam everyday?

- A. Mala B. Hindu Shastras C. Swimming

9. What was the King Vajesinh's reaction when Ladudanji sang in his court?

- A. not impressed and told him to leave B. very impressed and gave him lots of money
C. very impressed and wanted to dress him in gold ornaments

10. What did Mulji see the elderly do as he walked through the village?

- A. All the senior folks were indulging in gossiping and addictions.
No one was remembering or doing bhajan of God.
B. All the seniors were praying to God; doing bhajan bhakti
C. All the elderly were teaching their grandchildren about Bhagwan

11. When Bapa replied to the letter from a sant, who wrote out the English answer?

- A. Dharmacharan Swami B. Bapa himself C. It was typed out

12. What is the first Arti called that is performed at a shikharbhaddh mandir?

- A. Mangala B. Shayan C. Rajbhog

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13. How many ways are there in which Ekadashi can be observed?

- A. 1 B. 2 C. 3

14. What was founded by Yogiji Maharaj?

- A. The Light bulb B. Bal Mandal C. Discourses

15. On what date was Yogiji Maharaj born?

- A. 25 May, 1892 B. 23 May, 1892 C. 23 May, 1893

16. Why should we not eat onions, garlic, and asafoetida?

- A. They cause diseases B. They are tamsik C. They can kill us

17. For what reason did Himraj Shah first come in contact with the Swaminarayan sampraday?

- A. Gopalanand Swami asked for donations B. Gopalanand Swami was sick
C. To listen to Gopalanand Swami's katha-varta

18. Who is one of the leading researchers on rebirth?

- A. Albert Einstein B. Ian Stevenson C. Copernicus

19. What did one of the poor persons see when he was going to pass away?

- A. Shriji Maharaj doing katha B. Shriji Maharaj playing ras
C. Murti of Shriji Maharaj giving him food

20. During Bapa's 51st birthday celebrations, which day out of the 11 days did Bapa perform the menial seva?

- A. last day B. second day C. fifth day

21. Which of the following event has not occurred in Manasiyo Khuman's life?

- A. He earned Rs. 2 lakhs (200,000) B. He got a promotion in his job
C. He gave his dharmado regularly

22. Where did Shriji Maharaj celebrate the Fuldol festival?

- A. Panchala B. Sarangpur C. Vartal

23. Where was King Vajesinh's court located?

- A. Bhavnagar B. Ahmedabad C. London

24. Maharaj is described by his devotees with four main characteristics. Which of the following is NOT one of them?

- A. Having a divine form B. Supreme C. An avatar of Vishnu

25. More than 100 years ago, the Murti Pratishtha of the Murti of Ghanshyam Maharaj was to take place in this city:

- A. Rampura, Surat B. Ahmedavad C. Bochasan

26. For how many days did the calves not receive food to eat?

- A. 1-4 B. 1 C. 2-3

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27. After the vartman ritual, what is placed around the neck?

- A. Garland of flowers B. Mala C. Double-stringed Kanthi

28. How many malas and pradakshina should one do?

- A. Six or Ten B. Three or Eleven C. Five or Eleven

29. What should you NOT do in bal sabha?

- A. Participate in sabha B. Disturb other balaks C. Pay attention

30. Which of the following is not one of the scriptures from the Swaminarayan Sampraday?

- A. Swamini Vaato B. The Ramayan C. The Vachanamrut

31. All of Vagha Khachar's material desires and faults dissolved. Even his terrifying dreams vanished and he was blessed with the _____

- A. niravarana state B. eternal state C. both a and b

32. How much money did the Mahant offer Nilkanth to stay at the ashram?

- A. Rs. 1 B. Rs. 5 lakh C. Rs. 1 lakh

33. Who asked Maharaj why he looked from right to left in Gadhada?

- A. Dada Khachar B. Gunatitanand Swami C. Muktanand Swami

34. How many boons did Sahajanand Swami ask for?

- A. 3 B. 2 C. 5

35. What is the ceremony called for appointing a new successor?

- A. Manglacharan B. Welcome Ceremony C. Pattabhishek

36. Which of the following is not one of the three devas that run each of the brahmands?

- A. Ganesh B. Vishnu C. Brahma

37. Who was Maharaj referring to when he said, "He is my divine abode, Akshardham?"

- A. Gopalanand Swami B. Gunatitanand Swami C. Himself

38. Who is the Satpurush?

- A. Guru B. Sant C. Gateway to Moksha

39. The jiva mostly goes through how many births before becoming a human?

- A. 3.2 million B. 8.4 million C. 8.6 million

40. What is Ghanshyam's elder brother's name?

- A. Rampratapbhai B. Ichharam C. Dharmadev

Section B: True or False

Fill in the blank space with the either true or false based on the statement.

1. The Vedas do not contain the knowledge of *atma* and Paramatma.

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2. Yogi Bapa started music and Sanskrit pathshalas. _____
3. One of Ladudanji's wishes was: May the Shrimad Bhagvad be covered in a black cloth. _____
4. BAPS Sanstha has National and International Services: Educational services help through building, maintaining, and managing schools, hostels, and scholarships. _____
5. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's childhood name was Mulji Sharma. _____
6. Gopalanand Swami said that a single leaf can be moved in the infinite universes without Maharaj's doership _____
7. A kavadi is a carrier made of Bamboo. _____
8. Shriji Maharaj woke up in the middle of the night from his dream which he was having and wished to go and share it with Muktanand Swami. _____
9. By standing on one leg, with your arms raised up and doing one mala is called a dandvat. _____
10. Gunatitanand Swami, who is Akshar or Brahman, was born on 17 October 1785 (V.S. 1841, Aso *sud* 15) in Amdavad Jamnagar district. _____
11. Non-violence or Ahimsa is one of the many moral principles in Hinduism. _____
12. After the ceremony, Ramanand Swami said "I came as his announcer, and now he is the main person. I have completed my role as the Drumbeater" _____
13. King Jamsaheb was from a town called Jamnagar. _____
14. Dada Khachar showed such yogic powers, the way Gopalanand Swami did. _____
15. After leaving his home Ghanshyam became known as Sahajanand Swami. _____
16. We belong to the distinct Swaminarayan Sampradaya. _____
17. Bhagatji Maharaj became Shastriji Maharaj's guru because he had clarified the true upasana of Swami and Narayan and Akshar and Purushottam. _____
18. Maharaj never takes human forms at the same time in infinite universes to liberate all. _____
19. The poison of kusang will have its harmful effect instantly. _____
20. In Puja, we sit facing in the south direction. _____

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Section C: Short Answer

[10 Qs: 2 marks each]

Answer the following questions in 1-2 sentences on your answer sheet only.

1. Which are the Four Vedas?

2. Where did Sanatan Dharma flourish from?

3. Where did Narayan's father hide the Rs. 500?

4. Why was Ghanshyam angry at the fisherman?

5. Why did the fisherman feel as if he was reborn?

6. What did Maharaj show Parvatbhai when he wished to see what Varah avatar looked like?

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7. The man who was going to pass away saw Shriji Maharaj's murti. What did he say to Maharaj upon seeing his murti?

8. Write the whole Jay Naad in order.

9. Why was VaghaKhachar not happy even when accompanying Gunatitanand Swami?

10. Why did Yogiji Maharaj start doing dandvats when he saw Ghanshyam Bhagat?

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Section D: Complete the verses

[5 Qs: 2 marks each]

Complete the following recitations on your answer sheet only:

1. Vandu Shri Harine _____

_____ kalyandata tame.

2. Seva to potani _____

_____ avgagun levo.

3. Gurur Brahma _____

_____ bhavbandhanat.

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