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BAPS Bal Satsang Exams

SATSANG VIHAR – 1

Question/Answer Paper



Date:

Time Allowed: 2 hrs.

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

B

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, Muktānand kahe mukti, sugam kari sidhi

C. *Nitya nitya nautam lilā kartā Avināshi , Adsath tirath charane, koti Gayā Kāshi*

B

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

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

B

4. Which one is one of the four vedas?

- A. Vachanamrut B. Shikshapatri **C. Atharva**

C

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

- A. Animal B. Plant **C. Human**

C

6. Where did Ghanshyam live during his childhood?

- A. Chhapaiya** B. Atladra C. Jetalpur

A

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

- A. Jetalpur B. Loya **C. Piplana**

C

8. What did Dharmadev teach Ghanshyam everyday?

- A. Mala **B. Hindu Shastras** C. Swimming

B

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

C

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

A

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

B

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

- A. Mangala** B. Shayan C. Rajbhog

A



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

- A. 1 B. 2 C. 3

C

14. What was founded by Yogiji Maharaj?

- A. The light bulb B. **Bal Mandal** C. Discourses

B

15. On what date was Yogiji Maharaj born?

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

B

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

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

B

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

B

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

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

B

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**

C

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

A

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

B

22. Where did Shriji Maharaj celebrate the Fuldol festival?

- A. **Panchala** B. Sarangpur C. Vartal

A

23. Where was King Vajesinh's court located?

- A. **Bhavnagar** B. Ahmedabad C. London

A

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**

C

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. Ahmedabad C. Bochasan

A

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

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

C

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

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

C



28. How many malas and pradakshina should one do?

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

C

29. What should you NOT do in bal sabha?

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

B

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

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

B

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

- A. **niravaran state** B. eternal state C. both a and b

A

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**

C

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

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

C

34. How many boons did Sahajanand Swami ask for?

- A. 3 B. **2** C. 5

B

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

- A. Manglacharan B. Welcome Ceremony C. **Pattabishek**

C

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

- A. **Ganesh** B. Vishnu C. Brahma

A

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

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

B

38. Who is the Satpurush?

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

C

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

B

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

- A. **Rampratapbhai** B. Ichharam C. Dharmadev

A

Section B: True or False

[20 Qs: 1 mark each]

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.

False

2. Yogi Bapa started music and Sanskrit pathshalas.

True

3. One of Ladudanji's wishes was: May the Shrimad Bhagvad be covered in a black cloth.

True

4. BAPS Sanstha has National and International Services: Educational services help through building, maintaining, and managing schools, hostels, and scholarships. True
5. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's childhood name was Mulji Sharma. False
6. Gopalanand Swami said that a single leaf can be moved in the infinite universes without Maharaj's doership False
7. A kavadi is a carrier made of Bamboo. True
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. True
9. By standing on one leg, with your arms raised up and doing one mala is called a dandvat. False
10. Gunatitanand Swami, who is Akshar or Brahman, was born on 17 October 1785 (V.S. 1841, Aso sud 15) in Amdavad Jamnagar district. False
11. Non-violence or Ahimsa is one of the many moral principles in Hinduism. True
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" True
13. King Jamsaheb was from a town called Jamnagar. True
14. Dada Khachar showed such yogic powers, the way Gopalanand Swami did. False
15. After leaving his home Ghanshyam became known as Sahajanand Swami. False
16. We belong to the distinct Swaminarayan Sampradaya. True
17. Bhagatji Maharaj became Shastriji Maharaj's guru because he had clarified the true upasana of Swami and Narayan and Akshar and Purushottam. True
18. Maharaj never takes human forms at the same time in infinite universes to liberate all. False
19. The poison of kusang will have its harmful effect instantly. True
20. In Puja, we sit facing in the south direction. False

Section C: Short Answer

[10 Qs: 2 marks each]

Answer the following questions in 1-2 sentences.

1. What are the Four Vedas?

The four vedas are Sama, Atharva, Rig, and Yajur.

2. Where did Sanatan Dharma flourish from?

It flourished from the banks of the Sindhu River.

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

Narayan's father hid the money inside the third beam of the main room of their house.

4. Why was Ghanshyam angry at the fisherman?

The fisherman was catching fish from Lake Meen which made Ghanshyam angry.

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

Ghanshyam had cleansed him of his impurities and bad qualities.

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

Maharaj showed him all the 24 avatars and all the avatars merging into Maharaj's form.

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

"Bhagwan, it was you who gave food to us!"

8. Write the whole Jay Naad in order.

Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan ni Jai, Akshar Purushottam Maharaj ni Jai, Gunatitanand Swami Maharaj ni Jai, Bhagatji Maharaj ni Jai, Shastriji Maharaj ni Jai, Yogiji Maharaj ni Jai, Pramukh Swami Maharaj ni Jai.

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

He was unhappy because he didn't believe Bhagatji Maharaj's words and did not believe Gunatitanand Swami to be Mul Akshar.

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

Yogiji Maharaj was pleased with Ghanshyam Bhagat for reading Bhagatji Maharaj's biography.

Section D: Complete the verses

[5 Qs: 2 marks each]

Complete the following recitations:

1. Vandu Shri Harine **sada hrudaythi, Gunatitanandne, Vandu Pragji Bhaktane vali namu, Shastri Maharajne, Vandu Shri karunanidhan gurune, Yogi Maharajne, Vandu Brahmaswarup Shri Pramkhne,** kalyandata tame.
2. Seva to potani **shraddha pramane thay te karvi, Pana aseva to na j karvi. Te aseva te shu? Je** avgagun levo.
3. Gurur Brahma **Gurur Vishnur Gururdevo Maheshwar, Guruhu sakshat Parambrahma, tasmai Shri gurave namaha** bhavbandhanat.
4. Narayan sukh data **dwij-kul tanu dhari, Pamar patit uddharya, aganit narnari, Jay...Nitya nitya nautam lila karta Avinashi, Adsath tirath charane,** koti Gaya Kashi.



5. Prayer for Morning Puja: **He Maharaj, He Swami! He Pramukh Swami Maharaj! Hu humesha apni agna palu, kharab karya na karu, apne raji kari shaku teva bal-budhhi apajo. Kusang thaki raksha karjo ane sarano sang apjo. Matapitani seva karu ane abhyas barabar karu ane apno adarsh bhakta banu evi shakti apjo.**

Section E: Essay

[10 marks]

Write short notes on any ONE of the following in 8-10 sentences.

(1) Taming a Lion (2) The Foundation of BAPS (3) Who is a Hindu?

(For answers, refer to the appropriate chapters)