



BAPS SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA

BAL SATSANG EXAMINATIONS



SATSANG VIHAR - 3 : PRACTICE PAPER -1

ANSWER PAPER-1

Time: 2 hrs.
Total Marks : 100

Q.1 Write the number of the correct answer in the appropriate box. [50]

1. Along with the law of karma, rebirth, avatarvad and murtipuja; which relationship also plays an important part in Hinduism?
(1) Mother- Son **(2) Guru – Shishya** (3) Master - Servant 1.
2. According to the greatest scholar of Hinduism, Vyasji, what is the sole purpose of life as understood in Hinduism?
(1) Believing in karma, punarjanma, avatarvad and murtipuja 2.
(2) Studying the shastras **(3) To attain God**
3. The name of Satyakam Jabali's guru was:
(1) Gautam (2) Vyasji **(3) None of the above** 3.
4. The four pursuits or goals one must achieve in order to consider one's life as being fulfilled are:
(1) Dharma, gnan, vairagya, moksha (2) Dharma, arth, gnan, moksha 4.
(3) Dharma, arth, kam, moksha
5. In order to see what Ghanshyam will do when He grows up, Dharmadev placed the following three items on a low table and tested Ghanshyam:
(1) Dagger, a golden necklace, murti of God 5.
(2) Shield, a gold coin, murti of God
(3) Dagger, a gold coin, a scripture
6. Who has said the following: "Because these Patels have become satsangis, our business has declined"?
(1) Merchants **(2) Puppet masters** (3) Bawas 6.
7. From where did Maharaj hear Naja Jogia's prayer?
(1) 250 km away in Visnagar (2) 250 km away in Vartal 7.
(3) 200 km away in Vadodara

8. The five eternal entities are:
- (1) Dharma, Gnan, Kam, Arth, Moksha 8.
- (2) Dharma, Kam, Gnan, Vairagya, Bhakti
- (3) Jiva, Ishwar, Maya, Brahman, Parabrahman**
9. Where was Pranvallabh from?
- (1) Gondal **(2) Ahmedabad** (3) Sarangpur 9.
10. What must one do in order for Bhagwan Swaminarayan to take you to His abode?
- (1) Climb the sacred mountain (2) Live in a forest 10.
- (3) Surrender yourself to Him**
11. In which village did Maharaj celebrate the Fuldol Utsav?
- (1) Vartal** (2) Junagadh (3) Kankot 11.
12. Which devotee travelled to many holy places, including Junagadh, to find true Upasana?
- (1) Karunashankar** (2) Girdharbhai (3) Kalayanbhai 12.
13. What was Gunatitanand Swami's age when he went to Akshardham?
- (1) 87 (2) 86 **(3) 82** 13.
14. How old was Shambhu?
- (1) 2 years old (2) 3 months old **(3) 4 years old** 14.
15. On 10 December 1993, Swamishri was in a train going from:
- (1) Junagadh to Vartal **(2) Anand to Mumbai** (3) Mahuva to Vartal 15.
16. Haridas assured Swami that he would bring back:
- (1) His father (2) A Sadhu who has did seva for Bapa 16.
- (3) A Sadhu who has renounced wealth and women**
17. What did Shambha ask Bapa?
- (1) Give him blessing's (2) Build a Mandir in his village 17.
- (3) will you come to my house**
18. Swamishri's car arrived in Malav at: What time?
- (1) 8 o'clock **(2) 10 o'clock** (3) 9 o'clock 18.
19. In which city did Swamishri mixed up his slippers?
- (1) Philadelphia** (2) Vartal (3) Malav 19.
20. Which one of these scriptures teaches us about an ideal satsangi's daily routine?
- (1) Vachanamrut **(2) Shikshapatri** (3) Ramayan 20.

21. In which Vachanamrut has Shriji Maharaj said: "Even if a person who has spent the whole day in pravritti and whatever type of activities, when he engages in worship of God; his indriyas, antahkaran and jiva all unite and become engrossed in worship."
 (1) **Gadhada II 62** (2) Gadhada II 68 (3) Gadhada II 56 21.
22. Doing gharsabha makes our home like what?
 (1) Like School (2) Like Mansion (3) **Like Mandir** 22.
23. What did the cowherd's wife do when she told two devotees to bring back the cows to their cowshed?
 (1) **Did pujan of the cows and lovingly stroked the cows head and backs** 23.
 (2) Aarti (3) Milk them
24. How many days did Sadashivbhai stay to listen to the discourses of Gopalanand Swami?
 (1) 12 (2) 3 (3) **7** 24.
25. Which food should we eat?
 (1) **Food offered to God** 25.
 (2) Food bought from restaurants (3) Both A and B
26. Which village was Dungar Bhakta visiting with His family for a wedding?
 (1) Junagadh (2) Anirdesh (3) **Karamsad** 26.
27. Whose bed was placed next to Maharaj's bed in the Akshar Ordi?
 (1) Dada Khachar (2) **Haridas** (3) Premanand Swami 27.
28. In front of which mandir did the bawas beat up Haridas?
 (1) Hanuman mandir (2) Shiv Mandir (3) **Ramji Mandir** 28.
29. What did Haridas say to Maharaj when he returned to Gadhada?
 (1) **"Either remove my faith in you or accept me in satsang"** 29.
 (2) "The bawas have beaten me up badly, please can you cure me"
 (3) "Please can you ease our vows"
30. How old was Dungar Bhakta when He did Ekadashi and accompanied his parents to the wedding?
 (1) 7 years old (2) 9 years old (3) **6 years old** 30.
31. On what did the dog leave its waste?
 (1) On the ground where everyone sits 31.
 (2) Where the prasada was being served
 (3) **On the platform where Maharaj sits**

32. With what did Uka Khachar clean the dog's waste?
 (1) With his hands. **(2) With a broom and water.** 32.
 (3) He kicked it away with his shoe.
33. In Samvat 1912, which village was Gunatitanand Swami visiting along with Acharyashri Raghuvirji Maharaj?
 (1) Junagadh (2) Atladra **(3) Anand** 33.
34. How many years did Gunatitanand Swami stay in Junagadh?
 (1) 30 (2) 32 **(3) 40** 34.
35. How many chapters are there in the main text of the Swami Ni Vato?
(1) 7 (2) 5 (3) 15 35.
36. The Swami Ni Vato is the greatest commentary on?
 (1) Cricket (2) Bhagvat Gita **(3) Vachanamrut** 36.
37. In which area was the British officer going to collect taxes?
(1) Jamnagar (2) Tithal (3) Ahmedabad 37.
38. Why was the officer so happy in the villages of Holisang and Dhudkot?
(1) He saw farmers in clean clothes 38.
 (2) He won the large sum of money
 (3) He received a promotion in his job
39. What are prabhatyas?
 (1) Night Hymns **(2) Morning hymns** (3) English hymns 39.
40. For how long did Nilkanth Varni travel in India?
 (1) 9 years, 1month and 21 days **(2) 7 years, 1 month, 11 days** 40.
 (3) 7 years, 11 months 1 day
41. How many part of our life should be used for satsang, it one's time was to be divided into 16 parts ?
(1) 4 (2) 3 (3) 5 41.
42. How many talks are there in Swamini Vato ?
(1) 1489 (2) 1498 (3) 1984 42.
43. Where did Dharmadev go to observe the lunar eclipse ?
(1) Kashi (2) Mathura (3) Dwarika 43.
44. Atmabuddhi in Satpurush is the tool to achieve
 (1) Mannership (2) Love **(3) Liberation** 44.

45. Who left the satsang as Shriji Maharaj announced the beginning of a new vow ?
(1) Haridas (2) Raghunathdas (3) Ramdas 45.
46. Where did Swamishri eat “ kadhi ” made up of cream ?
(1) England (2) Anand (3) Gondal 46.
47. What should we observe everyday ?
 (1) Harijayanti (2) Aluna 47.
(3) Ekadashi of the indriyas
48. What was the name of Bhagatji Maharaj’s mother ?
 (1) Bhaluba **(2) Maluba** (3) Valuba 48.
49. According to Swamishri, who are ‘sadhus in white clothes’ ?
 (1) Devotee (2) Children **(3) Volunteers** 49.
50. From whom devas and devis gain their strength ?
 (1) Aksharbrahman **(2) Parbrahman** (3) Ishwar 50.

Q.2 In the following sentences place a (✓) next to those which are correct and a (X) next to those which are incorrect.

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1. Vedas are the main scriptures of Hinduism. In ancient times rishis sat in meditation and heard these mantras from God himself. 1.
2. Hindus believe that there are many gods. 2.
3. China’s Xuanzang took 657 bags of gold back with him. 3.
4. It is an ideal Hindu belief that one should become a good devotee and offer devotion to the guru. 4.
5. “I want to tell everyone that you have come for me.” This was Pranvallabh’s last wish to Shriji Maharaj. 5.
6. Maharaj had made 2 teams for the games during the Fuldol Utsav. 6.
7. As Maharaj tried to retreat to the stage, to avoid being filled with colour, the edge of the stage broke. 7.
8. Shastriji Maharaj was in Rajkot when the news of Bhagatji Maharaj’s passing came. 8.
9. Haridasji went on a pilgrimage to the five great tirths of Hinduism 9.
10. Nishkam vartman means having no ego 10.

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| 11. The Vedas and the Upanishads speak of Brahman and Parabrahman, or Akshar and Purushottam | 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. If our hearts are full of vices, Maharaj can stay there. | 12. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. A small balak from Anand made it his mission to read all satsang books. | 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's childhood name was Dungar Bhakta. | 14. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Naradji told Dhruvji to never give up on the penance. | 15. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. Dhruvji wanted to play with Uttam and so Uttam's mother said no. | 16. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Maharaj met SuraKhachar in Janjmer. | 17. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. Eight Kanbi Patels left Bhadra on reading Maharaj's letter. | 18. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. Kalyanbhai's neighbour was a true satsangi. | 19. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. We should not help our friends. | 20. <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q.3 Answer the following questions in 1-2 sentences only.

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1. What are the five vartmans of Swaminarayan sadhus?

Ans. Our sadhus follow the five vartmans given to them by Bhagwan Swaminarayan – nishkam, nirlobh, nisswad, nissneh and nirman.

2. At what place and in which city did Yogiji Maharaj perform one and a half circumambulations (pradikshinas) of a train filled with luggage?

Ans. At the railway station in Pondicherry.

3. Where did Magniram find his first guru and who did he worship?

Ans. Found his guru in Bengal and worshipped Sharda Devi

4. What had Sevakram studied?

Ans. Shrimad Bhagvat and other Purans.

5. What is the message given in the Swaminarayan mantra?

Ans. In the Swaminarayan mantra, the message is to become like Swami and worship Narayan.

Q.4 Complete the following Recitations.

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1. Aum sahanāvavatu Aum Shāntihi! Shāntihi! Shāntihi!

Ans. Aum sahanāvavatu, saha nau bhunaktu, sahaveeryam karavāvahai, Tejasvināvadheetamastu, mā vidvishāvahai. Aum Shāntihi! Shāntihi! Shāntihi!

2. Āgachchha bhava.

Ans. Āgachchha Bhagwan deva, svasthānāt Parameshwar, Aham pujām karishyāmi sadā tvam sammukho bhava.

3. Prayer For Morning Puja Mahant

Ans. He Mahārāj, He Swāmi! He Pramukh Swāmi Mahārāj!

Hu hameshā āpni āgnā pālu, kharāb kārya na karu, āpne rāji kari shaku tevā bal-buddhi āpjo. Kusang thaki rakshā karjo ane sārāno sang āpjo. Mātāpitāni sevā karu ane abhyās barābar karu ane āpno ādarsh bhakta banu evi shakti āpjo.

“O Maharaj! O Swami! O Pramukh Swami Maharaj! Please give me wisdom and strength so that I may always follow your wishes, never do any wrong deeds, and always please you. Please protect me from bad company and always give me good company. Please give me strength so that I may serve my parents, study well, and become your ideal devotee.”

4. A wise only their virtues.

Ans. A wise devotee of God who can discern between sat and asat identifies the flaws within himself and thoughtfully eradicates them. He also rejects any apparent flaws he perceives in the Sant or a satsangi and imbibes only their virtues.

5. Gunātitam bhaje | |

Ans. Gunātitam gurum prāpya, brahmarupam nijātmanaha |
Vibhāvya dāsbhāvena Swāminārāyanam bhaje | |

Q.5 Write short notes on any ONE of the following. (In 10 lines.)

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(1) Explain what Satyakam learned (C-1)

(2) Explain what Vajiba had seen (C-20)

(3) Explain what happened to Haridasji (C-15)

(For answers, refer to the appropriate chapters)