



BAPS SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA

BAL SATSANG EXAMINATIONS



SATSANG VIHAR - 1 : PRACTICE PAPER - 1

ANSWER PAPER-1

Time: 2 hrs.
Total Marks : 100

Q.1 Write the letter of the correct answer in the appropriate box. [40]

1. Where was the arti written?
A. Vadtal B. Kalvani C. Junagadh 1.
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 2.
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
3. Whose soul was transferred in to the horse by Vyapkanand Swami?
A. a fly B. a mosquito C. A butterfly 3.
4. Which one is one of the four vedas?
A. Vachanamrut B. Shikshapatri C. Atharva 4.
5. Which is the best of all forms the jiva takes in its cycle of births and rebirths?
A. Animal B. Plant C. Human 5.
6. Where did Ghanshyam live during his childhood?
A. Chhapaiya B. Atladra C. Jetalpur 6.
7. Ramanand Swami gave diksha to Nilkanth Varni in which city?
A. Jetalpur B. Loya C. Piplana 7.
8. What did Dharmadev teach Ghanshyam everyday?
A. Mala B. Hindu Shastras C. Swimming 8.
9. What was King Vajesinh's reaction when Ladudanji sang in his court?
A. not impressed and told him to leave 9.
B. very impressed and gave him lots of money
C. very impressed and wanted to dress him in gold ornaments

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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. 10. **A**
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 11. **B**
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 12. **A**
13. How many ways are there in which Ekadashi can be observed?
A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 13. **C**
14. What was founded by Yogiji Maharaj?
A. BAPS B. Bal Mandal C. Discourses 14. **B**
15. On what date was Yogiji Maharaj born?
A. 25 May, 1892 B. 23 May, 1892 C. 23 May, 1893 15. **B**
16. Why should we not eat onions, garlic, and asafoetida?
A. They cause diseases B. They are tamsik 16. **B**
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 17. **B**
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. Cupernicus 18. **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 19. **C**
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 20. **A**
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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. Jamnagar
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
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. niravaran 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
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34. How many boons did Sahajanand Swami ask for?
A. 3 B. 2 C. 5 34.
35. What is the ceremony called for appointing a new successor?
A. Manglacharan B. Welcome Ceremony C. Pattabhishek 35.
36. Which of the following is NOT one of the three devas that run each of the brahmands?
A. Ganesh B. Vishnu C. Brahma 36.
37. Who was Maharaj referring to when he said, "He is my divine abode, Akshardham?"
A. Gopalanand Swami B. Gunatitanand Swami C. Himself 37.
38. Who is the Satpurush?
A. sadguru B. Sant C. Gateway to Moksha 38.
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 39.
40. What is Ghanshyam's elder brother's name?
A. Rampratapbhai B. Ichharam C. Dharmadev 40.

Q.2 In the following sentences place a (✓) next to those which are correct and a (X) next to those which are incorrect. [20]

1. The Vedas do not contain the knowledge of atma and Paramatma. 1.
2. Yogi Bapa started music and Sanskrit pathshalas. 2.
3. One of Ladudanji's wishes was: May the Shrimad Bhagvad be covered in a black cloth. 3.
4. BAPS Sanstha has National and International Services: Educational services help through building, maintaining, and managing schools, hostels, and scholarships. 4.
5. Pramukh Swami Maharaj's childhood name was Mulji Sharma. 5.
6. Gopalanand Swami said that a single leaf can be moved in the infinite universes without Maharaj's doership. 6.
7. A kavad is a carrier made of Bamboo. 7.
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. 8.

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9. By standing on one leg, with your arms raised up and doing one mala is called a dandvat. 9.
10. Gunatitanand Swami, who is Akshar or Brahman, was born on 17 October 1785 (V.S. 1841, Aso sud 15) in Amdavad, Jamnagar district. 10.
11. Non-violence or Ahimsa is one of the many moral principles in Hinduism. 11.
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" 12.
13. King Jamsaheb was from a town called Jamnagar. 13.
14. Dada Khachar showed such yogic powers, the way Gopalanand Swami did. 14.
15. After leaving his home Ghanshyam became known as Sahajanand Swami. 15.
16. We belong to the distinct Swaminarayan Sampradaya. 16.
17. Bhagatji Maharaj became Shastriji Maharaj's guru because he had clarified the true upasana of Swami and Narayan and Akshar and Purushottam. 17.
18. Maharaj never takes human forms at the same time in infinite universes to liberate all. 18.
19. The poison of kusang will have its harmful effect instantly. 19.
20. In Puja, we sit facing in the south direction. 20.

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

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1. Which are the Four Vedas?

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

2. Where did Sanatan Dharma flourish from?

Ans. It flourished from the banks of the Sindhu River.

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

Ans. 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?

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

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

Ans. 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?

Ans. 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?

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

8. Write the whole Jay Naad in order.

Ans. 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?

Ans. 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?

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

1. Vandu Shri Harine kalyandata tame.

**Ans. Vandu Shri Harine sadā hrudaythi, Gunātitānandne,
Vandu Prāgji Bhaktane vali namu, Shāstri Mahārājne,
Vandu Shri karunānidhān gurune, Yogi Mahārājne,
Vandu Brahaswarup Shri Pramkhne, kalyāndātā tame.**

2. Seva to potani avgagun levo.

**Ans. Sevā to potāni shraddhā pramāne thāy te karvi, Pana asevē to na j karvi.
Te asevē te shu? Je avgagun levo.**

3. Gurur Brahma bhavbandhanat.

**Ans. Gurur Brahmā Gurur Vishnur
Gururdevo Maheshwar,
Guruhu sākshāt Parambrahma,
tasmai Shri gurave namaha.**

4. Narayan sukh data koti Gaya Kashi.

**Ans. Nārāyan sukh dātā, dwij-kul tanu dhāri (2),
Pāmar patit uddhāryā (2),
aganit narnāri... Jay.
Nitya nitya nautam lilā kartā Avināshi (2),
Adasath tirath charane (2),
koti Gayā Kāshi... Jay.**

5. Prayer for Morning Puja.

**Ans. He Mahārāj, He Swāmi! He Pramukh Swāmi Mahārāj! Hu humeshā āpni āgnā
pālu, kharāb kārya na karu, āpne rāji kari shaku tevā bal-budhhi āpajo. Kusang
thaki rakshā karjo ane sārāno sang āpjo. Mātāpitāni sevā karu ane abhyās
barābar karu ane āpno ādarsh bhakta banu evi shakti āpjo.**

OR

**“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.”

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

[10]

(1) Taming a Lion

(2) The Foundation of BAPS

(3) Who is a Hindu?

(For answers, refer to the appropriate chapters)

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PRACTICE PAPER-1

Marks Obtained : Q.5