



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

1. Where was the arti written?
(1) Vadtal (2) **Kalvani** (3) Junagadh 1.
2. What verse comes after "Purushottam pragat nu je darshan karshe, Kāl karma thi chhuti, kutumb sahit tarshe" in the aarti?
(1) Nārāyan sukh dātā, dwij-kul tanu dhāri,
Pāmar patit uddhāryā, aganit narnāri 2.
(2) **Ā avsar karunā nidhi, karunā bahu kidhi,**
Muktānand kahe mukti, sugam kari sidhi
(3) Nitya nitya nautam lilā kartā Avināshi,
Adsath tirath charane, koti Gayā Kāshi
3. Whose soul was transferred in to the horse by Vyapkanand Swami?
(1) a fly (2) **a mosquito** (3) A butterfly 3.
4. Which one is one of the four vedas?
(1) Vachanamrut (2) Shikshapatri (3) **Atharva** 4.
5. Which is the best of all forms the jiva takes in its cycle of births and rebirths?
(1) Animal (2) Plant (3) **Human** 5.
6. Where did Ghanshyam live during his childhood?
(1) **Chhapaiya** (2) Atladra (3) Jetalpur 6.
7. Ramanand Swami gave diksha to Nilkanth Varni in which city?
(1) Jetalpur (2) Loya (3) **Piplana** 7.
8. What did Dharmadev teach Ghanshyam everyday?
(1) Mala (2) **Hindu Shastras** (3) Swimming 8.
9. What was King Vajesinh's reaction when Ladudanji sang in his court?
(1) Not Impressed and told him to leave 9.
(2) **Very Impressed and gave him lots of money**
(3) Very Impressed and wanted to dress him in gold ornaments

10. What did Mulji see the elderly do as he walked through the village?
(1) All the senior folks were indulging in gossiping and addictions. 10.
No one was remembering God or doing bhajan of God.
 (2) All the seniors were praying to God; doing bhajan bhakti
 (3) All the elderly were teaching their grand children about Bhagwan
11. When Bapa replied to the letter from a sant, who wrote out the English answer?
 (1) Dharmacharan Swam **(2) Bapa himself** 11.
 (3) It was typed out
12. What is the first Arti called that is performed at a shikharbhaddh mandir?
(1) Mangala (2) Shayan (3) Rajbhog 12.
13. How many ways are there in which Ekadashi can be observed?
 (1) 1 (2) 2 **(3) 3** 13.
14. What was founded by Yogiji Maharaj?
 (1) BAPS **(2) Bal Mandal** (3) Discourses 14.
15. How many times do you circle the flame after finishing Arti?
 (1) Two **(2) Three** (3) Four 15.
16. Why should we not eat onions, garlic, and asafoetida?
 (1) They cause diseases **(2) They are tamsik** 16.
 (3) They can kill us
17. For what reason did Himraj Shah first come in contact with
 the Swaminarayan sampraday?
(1) Gopalanand Swami asked for donations 17.
 (2) Gopalanand Swami was sick
 (3) To listen to Gopalanand Swami's katha-varta
18. Who is one of the leading researchers on rebirth?
 (1) Albert Einstein **(2) Ian Stevenson** (3) Cupernicus 18.
19. What did one of the poor persons see when he was going to pass away?
 (1) Shriji Maharaj doing katha (2) Shriji Maharaj playing ras 19.
(3) 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?
(1) last day (2) second day (3) fifth day 20.

21. Which of the following event has not occurred in Manasiyo Khuman's life?
 (1) He earned Rs. 2 lakhs (200,000) 21.
(2) He got a promotion in his job
 (3) He gave his dharmado regularly
22. Where did Shriji Maharaj celebrate the Fuldol festival?
(1) Panchala (2) Sarangpur (3) Vartal 22.
23. Where was King Vajesinh's court located?
(1) Bhavnagar (2) Ahmedabad (3) Jamnagar 23.
24. Maharaj is described by his devotees with four main characteristics.
 Which of the following is NOT one of them?
 (1) Having a divine form (2) Supreme **(3) An avatar of Vishnu** 24.
25. More than 100 years ago, the Murti Pratishtha of the Murti of
 Ghanshyam Maharaj was to take place in this city:
(1) Rampura, Surat (2) Ahmedavad (3) Bochasan 25.
26. For how many days did the calves not receive food to eat?
 (1) 1-4 (2) 1 **(3) 2-3** 26.
27. After the vartman ritual, what is placed around the neck?
 (1) Garland of flowers (2) Mala **(3) Double-stringed Kanthi** 27.
28. How many malas and pradakshina should one do?
 (1) Six or Ten (2) Three or Eleven **(3) Five or Eleven** 28.
29. What should you NOT do in bal sabha?
 (1) Participate in sabha **(2) Disturb other balaks** 29.
 (3) Pay attention
30. Which of the following is not one of the scriptures from the
 Swaminarayan Sampraday?
 (1) Swamini Vato **(2) The Ramayan** (3) The Vachanamrut 30.
31. All of Vagha Khachar's Material desires and faults dissolved.
 Even his terrifying dreams vanished and he was blessed with the _____
(1) niravaran state (2) eternal state (3) both a and b 31.
32. How much money did the Mahant offer Nilkanth to stay at the ashram?
 (1) Rs. 1 (2) Rs. 5 lakh **(3) Rs. 1 lakh** 32.
33. Who asked Maharaj why he looked from right to left in Gadhadra?
 (1) Dada Khachar (2) Gunatitanand Swami **(3) Muktanand Swami** 33.

34. How many boons did Sahajanand Swami ask for?
 (1) 3 (2) **2** (3) 5 34.
35. What is the ceremony called for appointing a new successor?
 (1) Manglacharan (2) Welcome Ceremony (3) **Pattabhishek** 35.
36. Which of the following is NOT one of the three devas that run each of the brahmands?
 (1) **Ganesh** (2) Vishnu (3) Brahma 36.
37. Who was Maharaj referring to when he said, "He is my divine abode, Akshardham?"
 (1) Gopalanand Swami (2) **Gunatitanand Swami** (3) Himself 37.
38. Who is the Satpurush?
 (1) sadguru (2) Sant (3) **Gateway to Moksha** 38.
39. The jiva mostly goes through how many births before becoming a human?
 (1) 3.2 million (2) **8.4 million** (3) 8.6 million 39.
40. What is Ghanshyam's elder brother's name?
 (1) **Rampratapbhai** (2) Ichharam (3) Dharmadev 40.
41. What is the name of Ghanshyam's father?
 (1) Rampratapbhai (2) **Dharmadev** (3) Yamraj 41.
42. What is Swaminarayan's dislike?
 (1) Flower (2) **Onion-garlic** (3) Perfume 42.
43. Divine sound, divine light and divine darshan's fusion is ...
 (1) Puja (2) **Arti** (3) Mandir 43.
44. Mandir built by Shastriji Maharaj...
 (1) Dholera (2) Vartal (3) **Gondal** 44.
45. Swami Bapa's reply to a letter. 'Shriji Maharaj's _____.'
 (1) Sevak (2) Guru (3) **Das** 45.
46. When was Pramukh Swami Maharaj born?
 (1) 7-12-1821 (2) **7-12-1921** (3) 7-11-1920 46.
47. How Much Profit Yogiji Maharaj said to give up ,but attend the Sunday sabha?
 (1) 36,000 Rs. (2) 10,000 Rs. (3) **25,000 Rs.** 47.
48. Which verses are sung after arti?
 (1) **Anant Koti...** (2) Vandu Shri Harine... (3) Aum sahanavavatu 48.
49. How does one benefit by donation?
 (1) **Purifies one's earnings** (2) Increases one's earnings (3) Freedom of earnings 49.

50. Who declared Sahajanand Swami as his successor?

(1) Ramananad swami (2) Muktanand swami (3) Brahmanand swami 50. 1

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. X
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. X
6. Gopalanand Swami said that a single leaf can be moved in the infinite universes without Maharaj's doership. 6. X
7. A kavadi 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. ✓
9. By standing on one leg, with your arms raised up and doing one mala is called a dandvat. 9. X
10. Gunatitanand Swami, who is Aksharbrahman, was born on 17 October 1785 (V.S. 1841, Aso sud 15) in Amdavad, Jamnagar district. 10. X
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. X
15. After leaving his home Ghanshyam became known as Sahajanand Swami. 15. X
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.
19. The poison of kusang will have its harmful effect instantly.
20. In Puja, we sit facing in the south direction.

18. X
19.
20. X

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

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1. 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.

2. What was the first boon Sahajanand Swami requested?

Ans. If a devotee were to suffer the pain of one scorpion bite then to let him not suffer, but may I suffer millions of scorpion bites in every pore of my body.

3. What are the five moral commands that should be observed by all devotees?

Ans. Not to drink alcohol or liquor, Not to eat meat, Not to steal, Not to commit adultery, Avoid useless loitering and objectionable food.

4. What does Niravaran state mean?

Ans. No barriers like walls, wood, metal or distance could stop him from having darshan of Maharaj and Swami.

5. Which shloka is sung every day in our puja to welcome Maharaj and Swami?

Ans. Uttishthotishtha he Nath, Swaminarayan prabho, Dharmasuno dayasindho svesham shreyaha param kuru., Agaccha bhagawan dev swasthanat parameshwar.

Q.4 Complete the following Recitations.

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1. Vandu Shri Harine kalyandata tame.

**Ans. Vandu Shri Harine sadã hrudaythi, Gunãtitãnandne,
Vandu Prãgji Bhaktane vali namu, Shãstri Mahãrãjne,
Vandu Shri karunãnidhãn gurune, Yogi Mahãrãjne,
Vandu Brahmaswarup Shri Pramkhne, kalyãndãtã tame.**

2. Seva to potani avagun levo.

Ans. Sevã to potãni shraddhã pramãne thãy te karvi, Pana asevã to na j karvi. Te asevã te shu? Je avagun 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 ti rath charane (2),

koti Gayā Kāshi... Jay.

5. Prayer for Morning Puja.

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

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(1) Taming a Lion (C-5)

(2) The Foundation of BAPS (C-15)

(3) Who is A Hindu? (C-1)

(For answers, refer to the appropriate chapters)