



BAPS SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA
BAL SATSANG EXAMINATIONS



SATSANG VIHAR - 1 : PRACTICE PAPER -8

ANSWER PAPER-8

Time: 2 hrs.
Total Marks : 100

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

1. What is the meaning of punarjanma?
(1) **Rebirth** (2) Death (3) Salvation 1.
2. What did Vikamshi give his mother from his past birth?
(1) A Pot (2) A sword (3) **Rs. 500** 2.
3. Where did Ghanshyam live?
(1) Bochasan (2) Atladra (3) **Chhapaiya** 3.
4. How many mandirs did Rampratapbhai see Ghanshyam at?
(1) **Three** (2) Six (3) Two 4.
5. In which ashram did Nilkanth stay the night outside, beneath a giant tree?
(1) **Kamleshwar** (2) Chhapaiya (3) Mahelav 5.
6. What Jai was called after Sahajanand Swami asked for his boons?
(1) Harikrishna Maharaj ni (2) **Sahajanand Swami ni** (3) Ramanand Swami ni 6.
7. When Shriji Maharaj arrived at the doorstep of Shobharam, what did Shobharam do?
(1) **Turned him away** (2) Begged forgiveness (3) Repented 7.
8. Where did Shriji Maharaj celebrate the Fuldol festival?
(1) **Panchala** (2) Gadhada (3) Sarangpur 8.
9. Who is our supreme Bhagwan?
(1) Ram Bhagwan (2) **Shriji Maharaj** (3) Krishna Bhagwan 9.
10. Where was King Vajesinh's court located?
(1) **Bhavnagar** (2) Ahmedabad (3) London 10.
11. What remains fit and fine by observing fast on ekadashi?
(1) **Your Body** (2) Your House (3) The Environment 11.
12. Who is Maharaj's divine abode?
(1) Muktanand Swami (2) Yogiji Maharaj (3) **Gunatitanand Swami** 12.

13. What did Mulji reply upon his mother's refusal on giving him milk before offering to Thakorji?
 (1) "Mother, I will wait" 13.
 (2) "Mother, God resides in everyone so we don't have to offer him anything"
(3) "Mother, God eternally resides in me. He eats and drinks with me. He also sleeps with me and talks with me."
14. What did Bhagatji Maharaj talk to Vagha Khachar about while he was in Junagadh?
 (1) Talked to him about the supermancy of Maharaj 14.
(2) Talked about the glory of Gunatitanand Swami as Mul Akshar.
 (3) Talked to him about himself as the greatest sevak
15. Who declared Sahajanand Swami as his successor?
 (1) Muktanand Swami (2) Brahmanand Swami **(3) Ramanand Swami** 15.
16. At what age did Yogiji Maharaj renounce home?
 (1) 18 (2) **16** (3) 12 16.
17. Bapa is the living form of whom?
(1) Swaminarayan Bhagwan (2) Muktanand Swami 17.
 (3) Bhagatji Maharaj
18. How long did Bhagvatsingh remain in Gadhada?
(1) Till his last breath in 1986 (2) Until after he met Bapa 18.
 (3) For several years
19. Where was Bapa's 51st birthday celebrated?
 (1) Gondal (2) Bhuj **(3) Dharmaj** 19.
20. In which village did Swamishri go to visit calves?
 (1) Sarangpur **(2) Ratanpur** (3) Jetalpur 20.
21. There are two wings needed to go to Akshardham, that a BAPS devotee must firmly follow: Agna and Upasana. What does Agna mean?
 (1) A form of worship (2) To command devotees 21.
(3) Moral and spiritual commands
22. During initiation or diksha is given a few drops of water in the ____?
 (1) Right & left palm **(2) Right palm** (3) left palm 22.
23. By doing Mansi Puja, it
 (1) Pleases God (2) Fills us with joy **(3) Both A and B** 23.
24. How many Arti's are performed in a shikharbhadh mandir daily?
(1) Five (2) Three (3) Two 24.

25. How do we experience inner peace and happiness by attending bal sabha?
(1) Because you get inspired to practice our teachings 25.
 (2) Because you get to see your friends (3) You get snacks
26. Other than not eating food made of grains and flour, what else should you do on Ekadashi?
(1) Do bhajan (2) Watch movies and TV (3) None of the above 26.
27. What did Gokaldas' mother request from Shriji Maharaj?
 (1) To perform arti at her home (2) To come to her home 27.
(3) To bless her
28. Which town was Abhaysinh Darbar from?
 (1) Lodhva **(2) Lodhika** (3) Jamnagar 28.
29. How many shlokas are in the Shikshapatri?
(1) 212 (2) 216 (3) 262 29.
30. How much money had Manasiyo saved up after a few years?
(1) Rs. 2 lakh (200,000) (2) Rs. 5 lakhs (500,000) 30.
 (3) Rs. 10 lakhs (1,000,000)
31. After chanting the sacred name of Swaminarayan, Vyapkanand Swami, sprinkled what on the horse?
 (1) Amrut (2) Milk **(3) Water** 31.
32. While eating kansar, Maharaj asked for something. What did he ask for?
 (1) rotlis **(2) Ghee** (3) more kansar 32.
33. Who did Himraj Shah meet at Gadhada and immediately became a Swaminarayan devotee?
 (1) Gunatitanand Swami **(2) Bhagwan Swaminarayan** 33.
 (3) Gopalanad Swami
34. Which of the following did King Dashrath shoot?
 (1) a bir (2) Shravan's parents **(3) Shravan's heart** 34.
35. What chant should be said with the Shikshapatri?
 (1) Krishna Krishna **(2) Swaminarayan Swaminarayan** 35.
 (3) Jay Jay Jay
36. What is Ghanshyam's mother's name?
(1) Bhakti devi (2) Sharda devi (3) Suvasini 36.
37. Who went looking for Ghanshyam?
 (1) Friends (2) Dharmadev **(3) Rampratap** 37.

38. How many mandirs did Shriji Maharaj build?
 (1) 1 (2) 4 (3) 6 38.
39. What is Yogiji Maharaj's diksha name?
 (1) Narayanswarupdas (2) **Gnanjivandas** (3) Yagnapurushdas 39.
40. Where was the arti composed?
 (1) Jetpur (2) Piplana (3) **Kalvani** 40.
41. On what foundation was our sanstha established? (Ch-15)
 (1) principles and satsang (2) equality and saintly virtues 41.
(3) eternal Vedic principles and saintly virtues
42. Where was Yogiji Maharaj born? (Ch-16)
(1) In Dhari (2) In Mehlav (3) In Chansad 42.
43. In which form is Bhagwan Swaminarayan present on earth now? (Ch-18)
 (1) In the form of a scripture (2) In the form of a murti 43.
(3) In the form of the gunatit sadhu
44. Spiritual and _____service activities are done by our sanstha? (Ch-20)
 (1) Cleanliness (2) Sanskar (3) **Social** 44.
45. Which is one of the five moral commands for satsangi? (Ch-22)
 (1) to write an account (2) **not to drink alcohol or liquor** 45.
 (3) not to kill
46. Why is the sixth prostration (dandvat) done ? (Ch-23)
 (1) So our wishes come true 46.
(2) For seeking forgiveness for any insult or hurt done to a devotee
 (3) Prayaschit (Repentance)
47. How much profit should one give up to attend Sunday sabha according to
 Yogiji Maharaj?
 (1) Rs. 36,000 (2) Rs.10,000 (3) **Rs. 25,000** 47.
48. What does one lose by keeping bad company (kusang)? (Ch-28)
 (1) satsang (2) **opportunity of going to Akshardham** 48.
 (3) prestige
49. What happens when we donate to our mandirs? (Ch-30)
(1) sanctify our earnings (2) enhance our earnings 49.
 (3) liberate (mukti) of our earnings
50. How were Paramhansas respected? (Ch-31)
(1) Like Bhagwan (2) Like kings (3) Like Indra 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. BAPS was established in 1909. 1. X
2. Gunatitanand Swami had wished for the spread of bal mandal. 2. X
3. The Shikshapatri was written in its completion on 12 February 1826 or V.S. 1882, Maha sud 5. 3. ✓
4. Shravan was making sounds of air bubbles by the water. 4. ✓
5. The twelfth day after the passing away of a family member is called dhyaan . 5. X
6. Shastriji Maharaj built 7 mandirs . 6. X
7. Brahmanand Swami said that when he writes a bhajan, every single word is repeated. 7. X
8. If we donate some money to god, our money becomes impure. 8. X
9. By the time Vinubhai caught and stopped Yogiji Maharaj, Yogiji Maharaj had already done 3 dandvats. 9. ✓
10. Abhaysinh gave the sword to Maharaj to cut his throat. 10. X
11. Shriji Maharaj went to visit Gokaldas Bhatiya and his mother did not like Shriji Maharaj because her son had left the Vaishnav faith. 11. ✓
12. Twice a year, we should not eat food made of flour and grains. 12. X
13. Maharaj was giving a discourse at Jiva Khachar's darbar. 13. ✓
14. The sanctums of our mandirs used to be properly lit by oil lamps or flashlights. 14. X
15. By standing on one leg, with your arms raised up and doing one mala is called tap ni mala. 15. ✓
16. Shriji Maharaj conducted a big yagna in Vadodara. 16. X
17. Yogiji Maharaj's father's name was Bholanath Sharma. 17. X
18. Sarangpur Mandir was built by Shastriji Maharaj. 18. ✓
19. BAPS stands for Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha. 19. ✓
20. Ladudanji renounced the world to become a sadhu who was later known as Brahmanand Swami. 20. ✓

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

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1. What does BAPS stand for?

Ans. Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha.

2. Why was Ghanshyam angry at the fisherman?

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

3. 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.

4. 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!"

5. 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.

Q.4 Complete the following Recitations.

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1. Svasthanam gachchha punaragamanaya chha.

**Ans. Svasthanam gachchha devesh gachchha devesh pujamadaya mamkim,
Ishtakamprasiddhyartham punaragamanaya chha.**

2. Apne to Akshardhamma rakhvo.

Ans. Apne to Akshardhamma javu chhe, Evo ek sankalp rakhvo.

3. Narayan sukh data koti gaya kasha...Jay

**Ans. Narayan sukh data dwij-kul tanu dhari,
Pamar patit uddharya, aganit narnari, Jay...
Nitya nitya nautam lila karta Avinashi,
Adsath tirath charane, koti gaya kasha...Jay**

4. Seva to potani shradhha avagun levo.

Ans. Seva to potani shradhha pramane thay te karvi, Pana aseva to na j karvi. Te aseva te shu? Je avagun levo.

5. Aum sahanavavatu Shantihi Shantihi.

**Ans. Aum sahanavavatu, saha nou bhunaktu,
sahaveeryam karavavahai, Tejasvinavadheetamastu,
mã vidvishãvahai, Aum Shãntihi! Shãntihi! Shãntihi!**

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

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(1) Ever-present Through The Gunatit Sant (C-12)

(2) Shravan's ideal parental devotional (C-34)

(3) Compassionate And Kind (C-18)

(For answers, refer to the appropriate chapters)