



BAPS SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA

BAL SATSANG EXAMINATIONS



SATSANG VIHAR - 2 : PRACTICE PAPER -3

ANSWER PAPER-3

Time: 2 hrs.
Total Marks : 100

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

1. What does Shriji Maharaj say in Gadhada I 68?
(1) God resides in the eight types of murtis and in the sant. 1.
(2) God comes to this earth to please his devotees.
(3) God take form on earth to establish dharma.
2. Why might bad things happen to good people?
(1) Because of karma from previous lives 2.
(2) Because life isn't always fair (3) Because God is unfair
3. From which city did Nilkanth Varni begin his kalyan yatra?
(1) Chappaiya **(2) Ayodhya** (3) Kashi 3.
4. Where did Nilkanth Varni's kalyan yatra end?
(1) In Loya (2) In Karyani **(3) In Loj** 4.
5. Define 'avatari'.
(1) Cause of all avatars (2) Servant of all avatars (3) Final avatar 5.
6. Which incident shows that Maharaj was the all-doer?
(1) Pujaji couldn't speak (2) Maharaj ate the cucumber in Junagadh 6.
(3) Maharaj gave Junagadh the gift of Aksharbrahma
7. With which horse did Maharaj select the land for Sarangpur mandir?
(1) Manki (2) Tejan **(3) Rojho** 7.
8. In which hand(s) did Maharaj hold the cucumber(s) during the parade?
(1) Both (2) Right (3) Left 8.
9. How long did Brahmaji wait for Maharaj's prasad?
(1) months **(2) years** (3) days 9.
10. "This man here is God?" - Which man had this question in Loya?
(1) Kandas (2) Kamalshi (3) Kashidas 10.

11. How does one become brahmarup?
 (1) doing tapa (2) meditating **(3) associating with Brahman** 11.
12. Whose sadhana is an example for us all?
 (1) Mohan Bhagat **(2) Pragji Bhakta** (3) Kandas 12.
13. At what age did Shastriji Maharaj leave home?
(1) 17 (2) 21 (3) 15 13.
14. In what year was Pramukh Swami Maharaj made president of BAPS?
 (1) 1947 (2) 1971 **(3) 1950** 14.
15. To whom did Swamishri say, "Wherever Shriji Maharaj is, I am too."
(1) Balaks in Mumbai (2) A sadhu in Nairobi (3) Nilkanth in Rajkot 15.
16. Who said, "Pramukh Swami is truly like God"?
 (1) Shastriji Maharaj **(2) A friend of Ramsang Bapu** 16.
 (3) Balaks of Borivali
17. How many hours a day should we study?
 (1) 1 hour **(2) at least 3 hours** (3) at least 5 hours 17.
18. Why was Khima Suthar going to Surat?
 (1) To buy ghari **(2) To buy sukhad** (3) To return home 18.
19. What did Khima Suthar do with the black beans?
 (1) Threw them back at the Brahmin (2) Threw them off the boat 19.
(3) Ate them
20. Whose sword was replaced with a mala by Shriji Maharaj?
(1) Joban Pagi (2) Shunyatitanand Swami (3) Hameed Khan 20.
21. From where did Maharaj travel to Vadtal to give Joban Darshan?
(1) Dabhan (2) Petlad (3) Anand 21.
22. For whom did Maharaj say, "she would close her eyes and capture my murti in her heart"?
 (1) Laduba **(2) Kushalkuvarba** (3) Naniba 22.
23. What's the first step of doing darshan?
 (1) Look at each part (2) Settle it in your mind **(3) Concentrate** 23.
24. Ideally, how often should we do ghar sabha?
 (1) 3 times a week (2) Once a week **(3) Everyday** 24.

25. What did Mohandas see in samadhi?
 (1) 24 avatars **(2) Yamraj** (3) Ramanand Swami 25.
26. Who cures us of our illnesses?
 (1) Doctors (2) Medicine **(3) Maharaj** 26.
27. Who is closest to Maharaj?
(1) One who follows celibacy (2) One travels with him 27.
 (3) One who is his personal servant
28. What did Nityanand Swami accomplish in Umreth?
 (1) Boosted his ego (2) Won a debate 28.
(3) Saved the honour of Maharaj
29. Why was Jasa Bhakta not doing well financially?
(1) He did not take out God's portion from his income 29.
 (2) He did not take care of his fields
 (3) He followed Gopalanand Swami's agna
30. Where could Paramhansas not stay?
 (1) Where there was no shelter. (2) Where they were insulted 30.
(3) Where they were honoured
31. Who was the first bead of Maharaj's mala?
 (1) Muktanand Swami **(2) Dada Khachar** (3) Sura Khachar 31.
32. "Maharaj! Your darshan alone is enough for me." Who said this?
(1) Parvatbhai (2) Kushalkuvarba (3) Shivlal Sheth 32.
33. Where did Jhinabhai place Kamalshi's cot in his house?
 (1) Near the kitchen (2) In the guest room **(3) In his own room** 33.
34. How old was Bhagwan Swaminarayan when he returned to Akshardham?
 (1) 45 (2). 57 **(3) 49** 34.
35. At what age did Shriji Maharaj establish the Swaminarayan sampraday?
(1) 21 (2) 49 (3) 35 35.
36. How many hours did Maganbhai do katha on the boat from Africa to India?
 (1) Between 8 and 10 (2) Between 10 and 15 36.
(3) Between 12 and 18

37. BAPS is currently in how many countries?
 (1) 48 (2) **52** (3) 60 37.
38. What is a Jain kevalik?
 (1) a humble servant (2) a preacher (3) **enlightened master** 38.
39. In what year did Swamishri says, "When God is with me, how can I be alone"?
 (1) 1986 (2) **1988** (3) 1991 39.
40. Which Vachanamrut explains why God comes to Earth?
 (1) **Kariyani 5** (2) Gadhada I 68 (3) Gadhada I 5 40.
41. "I cannot go without doing katha." Who said this?
 (1) **Maganbhai** (2) Harmanbhai (3) Parvatbhai 41.
42. Holding the wrist of Kashidas, what did Varni say?
 (1) **He is ours** (2) Bring milk and rice 42.
 (3) Here a big Dham will be built
43. Whose statement is this: "The Swaminarayan Sampraday is eternal and it is based on Vedas."
 (1) Jayanandji (2) **Siddhanandji** (3) Dayanandji 43.
44. How many paramhansas compiled the Vachanamrut ?
 (1) 5 (2) 3 (3) **4** 44.
45. Vachanamrut has descriptions of place and date – what does this say about the Paramhansas?
 (1) **Eye for historical authenticity** (2) To stay on time 45.
 (3) Knowledge about geography
46. Which activity of BAPS Sanstha has been awarded by the Gujarat and Indian governments?
 (1) **Children** (2) Youth (3) Satsang 46.
47. Which knowledge was told by Harmanbhai to Maganbhai?
 (1) **Akshar - Purushottam** (2) Ved - Vedant (3) Sankhya - Yog 47.
48. Where did Shastriji Maharaj build a three-story mandir?
 (1) Bochasan (2) **Sarangpur** (3) Gondal 48.
49. When should we say the shloka "Shirmadsadguna..."?
 (1) In puja (2) **Before meals** (3) Night-time prayer 49.
50. Which shastras were given by Bhagwan Swaminarayan?
 (1) Vachanamrut (2) Shikshapatri (3) **both** 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. Kalidatta crushed a tree on top of Ghanshyam. 1.
2. Nilkanth Varni travelled five modern day countries. 2.
3. Shitaldas saw 24 avatars and Ramanand Swami praying to Maharaj. 3.
4. When God comes to Earth, He hides his divinity. 4.
5. Atmanand Swami explained Shriji Maharaj's supreme greatness to countless devotees and paramhansas. 5.
6. Jhina Bhagat was interested in two things - studying and playing. 6.
7. Swamishri said his address was Ahmedabad. 7.
8. Maharaj wrote a letter to the queen of Dharampur. 8.
9. The Shikshapatri commands we should donate 10% or 20% of our incomes. 9.
10. Hiranyakashyapu did penance to kill Brahmaji. 10.
11. Maharaj told Dada Khachar to sign over his land in his name. 11.
12. Shivilal Sheth was from Khambhat. 12.
13. Maharaj arrived in Panchala at midnight to give darshan to Jhinabhai on his deathbed. 13.
14. Prahlad learned how to do bhakti at the boarding school. 14.
15. Jhinabhai became a servant of a servant. 15.
16. The paramhansas could have been worshipped like gods. 16.
17. Shriji Maharaj hugged Joban Pagi and placed his feet on Joban's chest as blessings for not eating onions and garlic. 17.
18. The parasmani gives its owner anything he/she wishes. 18.
19. Tulsibhai told Narayanswarup Swami about Shastriji Maharaj's illness. 19.
20. In Loya, Maharaj wiped the spices off his hands on a towel. 20.

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

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1. What are the four basic beliefs of Hinduism?

Ans. Karma, Punarjanma, Avatarvad, and Murti Puja

2. Between which two rivers did Maharaj select the land of Sarangpur mandir?

Ans. He selected land between the Falgu and Utavali rivers.

3. Which two devotees came to Loya's shakotsav with 150 devotees?

Ans. Kashidas of Bochasan and Kandas of Buva came with 150 devotees to Loya.

4. In Piplana, to whom had Maharaj promised his Akshardham?

Ans. Maharaj promised to give his Akshardham to Kurji Dave.

5. When did Maharaj promise Nawab Gajefar Khan that he would forever stay in Junagadh?

Ans. When he was given the land for the mandir.

Q.4 Complete the following Recitations.

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1. Agachchha bhava.

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

2. Aum sahanavavatu Shantihi.

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

3. Krupa karo dhari rahya.

**Ans. Krupā karo muj upare, sukhnidhi Sahajānand,
Gun tamārā gāvvā, buddhi āpjo Sukhkand;
Akshar Purushottam ahi, pruthavi upar padhāriyā;
Anek jiva uddhārvā, manushyatan dhāri rahyā**

4. Jiva, ishwar, maya, Brahman Parabrahman pamay.

**Ans. Jiva, ishwar, māyā, Brahman ane Parabrahman,
Apyu Shriji Mahārāje, panchtattva-gnānam...
Jiva, ishwar māyāmā, anādithi atvāy,
Aksharbrahmano sang thātā, Parabrahman pamāy...**

5. Mare Gher...chhamkari.

**Ans. Māre gher āvjo Chhagalādhāri, māre gher āvjo Chhagalādhāri,
Lādu jalebi ne sev suvāli, hu to bhāve kari lāvi chhu ghāri...**

Suran puran ne bhāji kārelā, pāpad vadi vaghāri;

Vantāk vālodnā shāk karyā, me to chorā fali chhamkāri...

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

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(1) Brahmaji Comes for Prasad **(C-9)**

(2) Swamishri's Love for His Guru **(C-17)**

(3) Karsan Bhavsar is Cured by Maharaj **(C-21)**

(For answers, refer to the appropriate chapters)