

B. A. P. S. SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA

SATSANG EXAMINATIONS

Satsang Vihar 1

Practice Paper - 5

Total Marks: 100

Q1. Write the correct answer in the appropriate box.[40]

1. When was the Shikshapatri completed?

A. April 1826 B. March 1829 C. February 1826

2. What was Brahmanand Swami's name before he became a sadhu?

A. Parvatbhai B. Ladudanji C. Shrirangdas

3. Brahma _____ the brahmand, Vishnu _____ the brahmand and Shiv _____ it.

A. sustains, destroys, creates B. creates, destroys, sustains

C. creates, sustains, destroys

4. On which of his birthdays did Bapa do the seva of picking up datans?

A. 26th birthday celebration B. 51st birthday celebration

C. 62nd birthday celebration

5. What was Abhaysinh Darbar offered at the party?

A. Water B. Tea C. Liquor

6. What was Ghanshyam's father's name?

A. Dhoribhai B. Kishanlal C. Dharmadev

7. What did Laldas experience when Bhagwan Swaminarayan casted a single divine glance?

A. Shanti B. Happiness C. Samadhi

8. What kind of seat do you offer Swamishri to sit on?

A. Gold B. Silver C. Plastic

9. Which upasana did Bhagatji Maharaj inspire?
- A. Brahma Upasana B. Akshar-Purushottam Upasana
- C. Narayan Upasana
10. What is Bapa's role as Aksharbrahman?
- A. He is the supreme ruler B. He is like other sadhus
- C. He is the gateway to moksha
11. Which of these is *not* a principle of upasana?
- A. Sahajanand Swami is Parmeshwar
- B. The Satpurush is *not* the gateway to Akshardham.
- C. Mul Akshar is Gunatitanand Swami
12. How long should daily puja last?
- A. 5 – 10 Minutes B. 10 – 15 Minutes C. 20 – 25 Minutes
13. What was Pramukh Swami Maharaj's childhood name?
- A. Jhina B. Shantilal C. Dungar
14. What was the name of the haribhakta that Yogiji Maharaj asked to stop Ghanshyam Bhagat?
- A. Yogibhai B. Vivekbhai C. Vinubhai
15. Where was Muktanand Swami staying when Shriji Maharaj woke up in the middle of the night and wanted to share his dream with him?
- A. At the local mandir B. Abhel Khachar's darbar C. Jiva Khachar's darbar
16. If Radhaji is the foremost devotee of Krishna and Sita is the principle devotee of Ram; who is the foremost devotee of Bhagwan Swaminarayan?
- A. Muktanand Swami B. Gunatitanand Swami
- C. Ramanand Swami
17. In which year did the incident of Swamishri picking up datans on his birthday occur?

A. 1935 B. 1971 C. 1985

18. How many malas and pradakshina should one do?

A. Six and Ten B. Three and Eleven C. Five and Eleven

19. How often does Ekadashi come?

A. Every 60 days B. Every 15 days C. Once a week

20. How many people in the world are followers of BAPS?

A. One billion B. One million C. Three million

21. What was Gokaldas' mother's request to Shriji Maharaj?

A. To perform arti at her home B. To come to her home C. To bless her

22. What are the most ancient of all texts?

A. Bhagvad Gita B. Vedas C. Shikshapatri

23. What did Mulji see the elderly do as he walked through the village?

A. All the senior folks were indulging in gossiping and addictions.
B. All the seniors were praying to God; doing bhajan bhakti
C. All the elderly were teaching their grandchildren about Bhagwan

24. What should you NOT do in bal sabha?

A. Sing Bhajans B. Disturb other balaks C. Pay attention

25. What did the fisherman do after he realized his mistake?

A. He fell into the lake B. He ran into the forest C. He fell at Ghanshyam's feet

26. What did Kana Patel and Vasta Patel offer Maharaj after the puja?

A. Pendo B. Prathana C. Donations

27. Which of the following slogans is true for Swamishri?

A. Love all, Hate few, Trust none, follow one. B. He only helps those who help themselves
C. He lives to serve others.

28. What arti is performed at both a hari mandir and a shikharbhaddh mandir?

A. Shayan B. Rajbhog C. Sandhya

29. Which of the following has not occurred in Ghanshyam Bhagat's life?

- A. He read Bhagatji Maharaj's biography. B. Yogiji Maharaj did dandvats to him.
C. He had darshan of Bhagatji Maharaj.

30. In which river did Shriji Maharaj allow the tirthas to stay?

- A. Ganga River B. Ghela River C. Yamuna River

31. What is a categorized version of the Shikshapatri?

- A. Gems of the Shikshapatri B. Vachanamrut C. Yogi Gita

32. When Bapa replied to the letter from a sant, who wrote out the English answer?

- A. A sadhu nearby B. Bapa himself C. Dharmacharan Swami

33. Nilkanth Varni's diskha took place on which day?

- A. April 4, 1781 B. October 28, 1800 C. July 8, 179

34. Who wrote this...

"Bandh kidhā bijā bāranā re, veheti kidhi askharvāt Purushottam pragati re."

- A. Muktanand Swami B. Nishkulanad swami C. Gunatitanand Swami

35. Which of the following is NOT how we can purify our diet?

- A. Eat Onions and Garlic B. Have no addictions. C. Observe Ekadashi fast.

36. Which of the following event did not occur 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

37. What did the thief use to get to the money?

- A. A car B. A train C. A tunnel

38. The rishi explained to the boy what it means to be a Hindu in different ways: one, two and four points. Which of the following is not one of the four points?

- A. Karma B. Jnan C. Murti puja

39. For how many days did the calves not receive food to eat?

A. 3-4 B. 1 C. 2-3

40. After the varthman ritual, what is placed around the neck?

A. Garland of flowers B. Mala C. Double-stringed Kanthi

Q2. In the following sentences place a (✓) next to those which are correct and a (×) next to those which are incorrect. [20]

1. BAPS Sanstha's educational services help through building, maintaining, and managing schools, hostels, and scholarships.
2. Gunatitanand Swami, who is Akshar or Brahman, was born on 17 October 1785 (V.S. 1841, Aso *sud* 15) in Bhadra, Jamnagar district.
3. After the ceremony, Muktanand Swami said "I came as his announcer, and now he is the main person. I have completed my role as the drumbeater."
4. Shriji Maharaj told Gokaldas's mother, "I have troubled you a lot and put you under pressure today."
5. Muktanand Swami said that not a single leaf can be moved in the infinite universes without Maharaj's doership.
6. Brahmanand Swami said that when he writes a bhajan, not a single word is repeated.
7. Abhaysinh gave the sword to the king.
8. The sanctums of our mandirs used to be poorly lit by oil lamps or divas.
9. Yogiji Maharaj used to say "Do not look at other's faults because it is like taking poison."
10. Drinking alcohol, eating meat, stealing, and committing adultery are all forms of Kalyug (the Dark Age).
11. Brahmanand Swami upturned the handkerchief. To the surprise of all they saw a sword instead of the handkerchief.
12. As a result of his challenge of Shriji Maharaj's greatness, Shobharam became blind in four days.
13. By reading our shastras, we are able to sincerely follow God's agnas and understand our upasana.
14. Listening to katha and putting it into practice is called shravan bhakti.
15. When Rajuba saw Maharaj, she was overwhelmed with joy. She quickly prepared a thal of shelan and rotlis.
16. Gunatitanand Swami assured him, "Joban, let alone your sins, but if I were to dissolve the sins of any number of people in countless universes still my face would not turn pale."
17. In Shriji Maharaj's dream, he saw that there was a hari mandir in the darbar of Abhel Khachar.
18. The service of BAPS has been recognized several times by UN. BAPS is an NGO affiliated to the Guinness World Records.
19. In Pulhashram, Nilkanth decided to stay outside, beneath a giant tree.
20. In Jamnagar Ladudanji visited the court of King Vajesinh.

Q3. Answer the following questions in only 1-2 sentences. [20]

1. Which way do we face while doing puja?
2. Where was Yogiji Maharaj given parshad diksha?
3. Why did Shantilal start crying when Chhotubhai offered him food?
4. What are the three ways to do Ekadashi?
5. Why is the Arti circled with water?
6. What was Laldas scheming day and night about Shriji Maharaj?
7. What were the four wishes that Ladudanji made in order to see if Maharaj was God?
8. What did Brahmanand Swami argue when Maharaj said the handkerchief was a sword?
9. What did Manasiyo Khuman say when his son told him that they have been robbed?
10. What summarizes the principle of Akshar Purushottam upasana?

Q4. Complete the following Recitations [10]

1. Gunatitoksharam.....
2. Shriharim.....
3. Complete Jaynad
4. Swamini Vato---Ek Upasana.....
5. Swamini Vato---Koti tapa karine.....

Q5. Write short notes on any ONE of the following in 8-10 sentences. [10]

1. Explain: Shriji Maharaj is always present on earth
2. Write out Bapa's reply to Kirtan's complaint about Thakorji. What did Bapa reveal about himself? What is Bapa's role in our life?
3. (a) List and describe the four steps that are involved in arti.
(b) What is a perfect mansi puja from beginning to end? Describe your own mansi puja.

OR

1. Two Unique Blessings
2. Sahajanand Is Like the Rising Sun
3. Little Seva on a Big Day