

**B. A. P. S. SWAMINARAYAN SANSTHA**

**SATSANG EXAMINATIONS**

**Satsang Vihar 1**

**Practice Paper -1**

**2014**

**Total Marks: 100**

**Q-1. Write the correct answer in the appropriate box.**

**[40]**

1. Who were the Aryans?

- A. A religious group                      B. People who ruled India  
C. The Ancestors of the Hindus

2. What is the name of the ceremony of appointing a new successor?

- A. Pattabhishek      B. Yagna      C. Puja

3. What happened to Gunatitanand Swami after he thought “....Shriji Maharaj was my source of life. Now that he has gone, how will I survive?”

- A. Fainted and fell down      B. Ran away from Gadhada  
C. Started crying

4. Where was Bhavan's Journal published in?

- A. Mumbai      B. New Dehli              C. Bocharan

5. Presently Who is our atma?

- A. Maharaj      B. Gunatitanand Swami              C. Pramukh Swami

6. Who did Himraj Shah meet at Gadhada and immediately became a Swaminarayan devotee?

- A. Gunatitanand Swami              B. Bhagwan Swaminarayan  
C. Gopalanad Swami

7. How many times do you circle the flame after finishing Arti?

- A. Two              B. Three              C. Four

8. Maharaj says along with the pious, who else does he not discriminate against?

- A. Kusangis              B. Satsangis              C. Sinners

9. In how many days and/or nights did Ghanshyam Bhagat read the biography of bhagatji maharaj??

A. One day    B. One night    C. One day and night

10. Who was Shastriji Maharaj's guru before he met Bhagatji Maharaj?

A. Muktanand Swami    B. Brahmanand Swami

C. Vignananand Swami

11. What did Bhagvatsingh believe to be the purpose of life?

A. To gain money    B. To achieve moksha

C. To please your family

12. Why did Joban Pagi ask for refuge of Shriji Maharaj?

A. He realized that Shriji Maharaj is God himself

B. He was ashamed that he couldn't steal the Rojho

C. He wanted to become a Sadhu

13. Who wrote the Arti?

A. Brahmanand Swami    B. Nishkudanand Swami

C. Muktanand Swami

14. When Shriji Maharaj went to visit Gokaldas Bhatiya, who disliked him in that village?

A. Laduba    B. Mother of Gokaldas

C. Mother of Galuji

15. In which Scripture has Shriji Maharaj written that devotees should donate

5% or 10% of their earnings for the upkeep of mandirs and Sadhus?

A. Vachanamrut    B. Shikshapatri    C. Swamini Vaato

16. The community was against Himraj Shah's family for changing faiths.

They told the family to break their what?

A. Kanthis    B. Fast (ekadashi)    C. Malas

17. How does Shriji Maharaj see everyone as?
- A. Brahmins    B. Sadhus    C. Equals
18. What is the correct time in life to begin performing bhajan bhakti of God?
- A. Adulthood    B. Childhood    C. Never
19. In which river did Shriji Maharaj allow the tirthas to stay?
- A. Ganga River    B. Ghela River    C. Yamuna River
20. What was the name of the man who lived in Rajnagar and cooked food for the little boys?
- A. Pragji Bhagat    B. Chhotubhai    C. Shantilal
21. After seeing the cattle sanctuary, why did Swamishri's eyes fill with tears?
- A. It was very dusty and his eyes were hurting
- B. He didnt get enough sleep because he was reading letters until late night
- C. He could not see the calves suffering from hunger
22. Ramanand Swami gave diksha to Nilkanth Varni in which city?
- A. Jetalpur    B. Loya    C. Piplana
23. What are the qualities of paramatma?
- A. He is supreme    B. He is the all-doer    C. All of the above
24. Laldas Subo was a Brahmin from which town?
- A. Ayodhya    B. Loya    C. Visnagar
25. King Vajesinh thought Swaminarayan Bhagwan was ...
- A. a fraud.    B. just a normal person.    C. Bhagwan.
26. Gunatitanand Swami's mother and father's name was?
- A. Sakarba and Bholaanath    B. Dharmadev and Bhaktimata
- C. Ram and sita
27. What did Shiv Bhagwan suggest to Bhagvatsingh in order to get moksha?
- A. Shiv Bhagwan granted him moksha    B. Vishnu Bhagwan

C. Pramukh Swami

28. What did Yamraj show the fisherman?

A. The punishments in Yampuri      B. Akshardham      C. America

29. What does the burning wick stand for?

A. Light      B. Water      C. Earth

30. Which of the following does *not* happen by Satsang reading?

A. We make more friends.      B. We can follow Agnas.

C. We can understand Upasana.

31. Since Shravan's parents were blind, how did they do their pilgrimage?

A. By walking      B. Rode bikes      C. Using a kavad

32. Who wrote this...

***“Bandh kidhā bijā bāranā re, veheti kidhi askharvāt Purushottam pragati re.”***

A. Muktanand Swami      B. Maharaj      C. Nishkulanad

33. What did Rampratapbhai understand Ghanshyam to be when seeing Ghanshyam after 35 years?

A. hero      B. brother      C. Supreme God

34. What prasang showed that Shriji Maharaj is supreme?

A Parvatbhai ploughing the field.      B. Parvatbhai feeding Maharaj curds and honey.

C. Abhaysinh Darbar's promise.

35. By doing Mansi Puja, it .....

A. Pleases God      B. Fills us with joy      C. Both A and B

36. How many youths did Yogiji Maharaj initiate into sadhus?

A. more than 150      B. more than 100      C. more than 50

37. It is believed in our Shastras that to eat food made of flour and grains on Ekadashi is like eating what?

A. Fruits      B. Meat      C. Vegetables

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38. What was the name of the area where Brahmanand swami was constructing a mandir?

A. Gandhinagar      B. Vartal      C. London

39. Where did Vikamshi Khachar go to find the proof of his last birth?

A. Khambhat      B. Karyani      C. Surat

40. Who in King Vajesinh's court was wearing a tilak chandlo that surprised Ladudanji?

A. A sculptor      B. A farmer      C. A goldsmith

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

1. The Vedas contain the knowledge of *atma and anatma*
2. Kirtan complained to yogibapa that **Thakorji** does not play with him.
3. Bhagwan Krishna showed such **yogic** powers, the way Gopalanand Swami did.
4. The host believed that the low-born people were Sinner because they killed hens and rabbits.
5. In Shriji Maharaj's dream, he saw that there was a shikharbaddh mandir in the darbar of Jiva khachar.
6. When the Arti is ritually waved before God's murti it becomes charged with divinity.
7. By following the Vachanamrut one attains the four goals of life
8. Swami Bapa is the living form of Bhagwan Swaminarayan.
9. Shobharam's inability to accept Maharaj's greatness left him dumb forever.
10. While brushing his teeth, Bapa saw used Datans lying around.
11. Gokaldas had forsaken the Vaishnav faith and had become a strict believer of Swaminarayan.
12. Ladudanji was recognized as the best **singar** by royals of various cities.
13. **Nirjala** Ekadashi is a type of Ekadashi that is waterless.
14. Vagha Khachar said, "If Swami tells me so, only then will I believe." Instantly, Bhagatji Maharaj remembered Swami and called him to the **Mandir**.
15. Yogi Bapa started english and Sanskrit **pathshalas**.
16. Bapa's 51<sup>st</sup> birthday celebration was extra special because it was the first one after he had been appointed Guru .

17. Doing puja every morning is the best way to start the day.
18. **Laldas** was a cruel dacoit who lived in Vartal.
19. If you have faith in Narayan, it means you have only **50 percent** faith.
20. **Bhagvatsingh** was a Sindhi bhagat who wanted to find God and attain moksha.

**Q-3 Answer the following questions in 1-2 sentences on your answer sheet only. [20]**

1. How did Laldas punish satsangis?
2. How a person is rewarded with if he has good karma?
3. What had Maharaj done by looking left to right in Gadhada?
4. Where did Sanatan Dharma flourish from?
5. Where did Narayan's father hide the Rs. 500?
6. What are the four goals of life?
7. Summarize Shravan's daily routine to serve his parents.
8. When Parvatbhai only wondered what Varah avatar looked like, why did Maharaj show him all the avatars?
9. Why did Ghanshyam send his older brother to other Mandirs for darshan?
10. What is Tap ni mala?

**Q: 4 Complete the following Recitations [10]**

1. Vandu Shri harine.....Kalyandata tame
2. Purushottam pragat.....Sugam kari sidhi
3. Prayer for morning.....
4. Swami ni Vato---Mujvan ave to.....
5. Swami ni Vato---Bhagvan bhajva hoi.....

**Q-5. Write short notes on any ONE of the following in 8-10 sentences.[10]**

1. 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?--7
2. Mulji Sharma's oneness with Maharaj.-10
3. We know the Shikshapatri is the code of conduct. What does the Shikshapatri consist of? Include who it's for, what the sections are based on. What are the four goals and their meanings?---6

OR

1. Reviving Dead Fish .....
2. Who Is Swami Bapa?.....
3. Shikshapatri.....