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Topic

|| Shikshapatri ||

॥ शिक्षापत्री ॥



What is it?

- *Code of conduct
(Rule Book)*
- *Leads us to the four
desired objects
(Dharma, Arth, Kam
and Moksha)*



Who wrote it?

- *Lord Swaminarayan Himself Wrote it.*



Where and when was it written?

- *It was written at the Hari mandap, Vadatal.*



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- *It was written on
Maha Shud Pancham VS 1882
(also known as Vasant Panchmi)
5th day of the bright half of the
month of Maha*



What should we do with it?

- *Lord Swaminarayan has stated in Sloka 208 & 209 exactly what we should do with it.*



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“My disciples shall read this Shikshapatri daily, and those who cannot read, shall listen to it with reverence.” (208)

“When there is no one to read this Shikshapatri to them, they shall worship it daily. All My disciples shall reverently honour My word as My Divine Self.” (209)



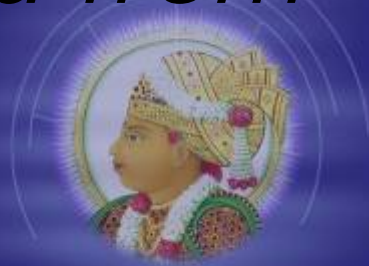
What is the value of the Shikshapatri?

- *Priceless*
(if you want to reach Akshardham)
- *Bodleian Library,*
Oxford.





- *The library has the actual Shikshapatri given by Lord to Sir John Malcolm in Rajkot on 26 Feb 1830AD.*
- *Painstaking preserved from further deterioration.*



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 १ सहजानंदस्वामिने नमोनमः॥
 ॥ अथ शिक्षापत्री लिख्यते ॥ ॥
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 विहारंतं श्रीकृष्णं हृदि चिंतये ॥ १ १



Quiz

Individually please

This is for you to find out how much you know about what Lord has told us in the Shikshapatri.



Quiz

ANSWERS



Question 1

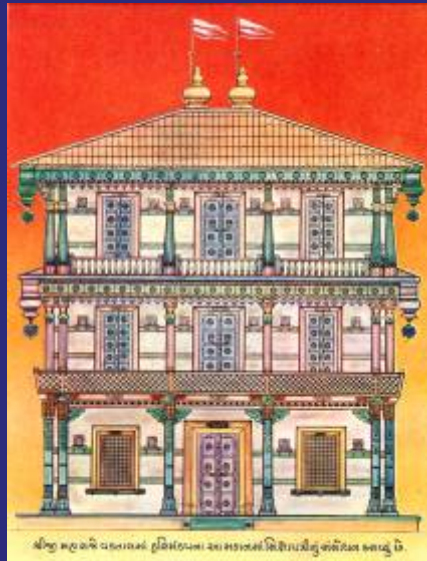
What did Lord Swaminarayan do before writing the Shikshapatri?

He meditated on Lord Shree Krishna



Question 2

Where did Lord Swaminarayan write the Shikshapatri?



*Hari Mandap,
Vadtal*



Question 3

How many different Sections are there in the Shikshapatri?

12 (1) Introduction; (2) Dharmas for All; (3) Acharyas and their Wives; (4) Householders; (5) Rulers; (6) Married Women; (7) Widows; (8) all females; (9) Naishthik Bhramcharis; (10) Sadhus; (11) both Naishthik Bhramcharis and Sadhus and (12) conclusion



Question 4

How many Slokas are there in total?

212



Question 5

Lord Swaminarayan has quoted three things not to kill for – What are they?

*Women, Wealth and
Political Power/
Sovereignty*



Question 6

*When is it OK to eat meat
and/or drink alcohol?*

NEVER



Question 7

Name four places where one should not excrete urinate or spit?

Dilapidated temples, banks or rivers or ponds, main roads, fields sown with seeds, shades of trees, orchards, gardens or similar places which have been prohibited by religious scriptures or by the authority.



Question 8

When should Brahmins give up the Tripundra and/or Rudraksha beads, if they become a disciple of Lord Swaminarayan?

NEVER



Question 9

When and what should a satsangi do when they wake up?

Wake up before sunrise and offer prayer to Lord Shree Krishna



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- 1. Listen to religious scriptures*
- 2. Read religious scriptures*
- 3. Sing praise of His divine qualities*
- 4. Bath Lord with milk, curd, ghee, honey & sugar*
- 5. Chant His mantra*
- 6. Recite His kirtans*
- 7. Do Pradishina*
- 8. Do Sastang Namaskar (Prostrating before Lord's images)*



Question 11

Name the deities that should be reverently respected?

Vishnu

Shiv

Ganpati

Parvati

Surya (Sun)



Question 12

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- 1. The Vedas*
- 2. Vyas-Sutra*
- 3. Shreemad Bhagwat Puran*
- 4. Shree VishnuSahasranam (Mahabharat)*
- 5. Shree Bhagwad Geeta*
- 6. Vidurniti*
- 7. Shree Vasudev Mahatmya (from Vishnu Khand of Skand Puran)*
- 8. Smriti by Yagnavalkya Rushi*



Question 13

What is inseparable from bhakti (devotion) to Lord Shree Krishna?

Dharma



Question 14

*Who is in the form of
Laxmiji, when at Lord Shree
Krishna's side is known as
Laxmi-Narayan?*

Rukmaniji



Question 15

What should a pandit do daily or once a year?

Read the Tenth Skand of Shreemad Bhagwat Puran



Question 16

When can an Acharya initiate a female?

Only when the female is closely related to them



Question 17

*Who should the Acharyas
worship on the fourteenth
Day of the 2nd half of
Ashwin?*

Hanumanji



Question 18

What sort of dealings should be written and duly witnessed?

Dealings pertaining to:

Land

Money

Amount payable by either party in matrimonial affairs



Question 19

Acharyas have their own set of rules but which others must they follow?

*Householders,
because they are
householders too*



Question 20

What do sadhu's need to conquer?

Inner enemies like lust, anger, greed pride, etc; and all their senses especially taste.



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18 Rampratap (3); Ichharamji (3); Dharma Dev (3); Ayodhyaprasad (3); Rughuvirji (3); Mukundand (4); Mayaram Bhatt (4); Muktanand Swami (5); King Ambarish (55); Vithalnathji (81-82); Valabhacharya (81-82); Vidurji (93-95); Yagnavalkya Rishi (93-95); Ramunajacharya (100); Arjun (110); Balbhadra (110); Bharatji (190); Nityanand Muni



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*15 Krishna (Mangalacharan); Radhika/
Radha (1); Laxmi (1); Narayan (6);
Jagannath (19); Shiva (23); Vishnu (84);
Ganpati (84); Parvati (84); Surya (84);
Hanuman (85); Vasudev (93-95);
Vyas (93-95); LaxmiNarayan (130);
Rhushabdev (196)*



Did you learn anything
from this??



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