

Aum
Shri Param Krupalu Devay Namah
Kathopanishad
Shibir - 7
Adhyay - 2 Second Valli

Model Answer Paper

Marks: 50

While checking the paper, follow the points given here. Multiple options have been given to make it easy to check. Marks can be given if any of the options is written, or if its essence is captured in the answer.

(I) Choose the correct answer.

Marks: 5

Give one mark for each correct answer.

1. (a) Desires
2. (c) Seeing permanence
3. (a) Subsidence of thoughts
4. (a) Indirect knowledge
5. (d) Inward focus

(II) Match the columns based on the metaphor of the city given in this valli.

Marks: 5

Give ½ mark for each correct answer.

- 1) d 2) e 3) f 4) c 5) j 6) i 7) h 8) g 9) a 10) b

(III) Answer in one or two words.

Marks: 5

Give one mark for each correct answer

1. Pran
 2. Subconscious mind
 3. 84 lakh
 4. Human
 5. Poetry
- Fundamental truths / Spiritual truths

- ½ mark

- ½ mark

(IV) Write true or false. Give reason if false.

Marks: 5

Give one mark for each correct answer.

If False is written, but reason is not written or incorrect reason is written – give 0 marks.

For True, no reason is expected.

1. False. They didn't condemn the body. / They respected the body. / They believed the body to be an association. / They considered the body to be a temple in which God resides.
2. False. An ignorant one doesn't become Videhmukt upon death. / When a Jeevanmukt leaves His body, He becomes Videhmukt.
3. True.
4. False. Impurity is not in our eternal nature, but in our state.
5. False. Material karma are not conscious. / Impure feelings created by the soul are conscious.

(V) Explain the meanings of the words given below.

Marks: 5

Give one mark for each correct answer.

1. Celestial beings
- Sense organs / senses

- ½ mark

- ½ mark

2. Confidential / Mystical

3. In all temporary objects, that which resides as eternal existence / The eternal in the temporary

4. To no one else

5. Indescribable / cannot be expressed

(VI) Answer in one sentence.

Marks: 10

Give one mark for each correct answer.

1. That soul is there in all.

2. If the energy that ignites carnal desire due to the thrust of apan is moved upwards through pranayam, it helps protect celibacy.

3. We are so deaf that we cannot grasp those truths. / We cannot understand them in one time. / By repeating many times it is retained.

4. Depending on one's listening, those kind of impressions / desires are formed, and that kind of birth is obtained.

5. The senses are dependent on the soul, they function through the presence of the soul. / Because on death, the soul takes along with it the power of the senses and the subtle sense organs.

6. To perform activities / enjoy sense pleasures / for ashram, house, factory / for rebirth - it needs the association of senses, breath, mind, intellect. - ½ mark

For attainment of knowledge / for dharma / for inner quest / to end transmigration - not needed. - ½ mark

7. The ignorant ones thought that if everything is a manifestation of the Supreme entity then there is no difference between monk-thief, karmic merit-demerit, dharma-adharma, nothing like duty remains. / Laziness crept in, they did not give up sins.

8. How can I experience the self? / How can I know such a soul directly? / How can I attain such bliss and peace?

9. 1) Pran 2) Apan 3) Saman 4) Udan 5) Vyan

Give ½ mark if any 2, 3 or 4 are written and 1 mark if all 5 are written.

10. Similarity - both illuminate objects. - ½ mark

- ½ mark

Difference - The flame of fire is lit when someone lights it, whereas the soul is self-luminous by nature.

- ½ mark

(VII) Correct the false understanding in the statements below.

Marks: 5

Give one mark for each correct answer.

1. On attaining realisation of Brahma, the body does not get destroyed, but He experiences liberation from the body in His knowledge. Despite being in the body, He remains unattached, unbound, only a witness. The body is not an obstacle for the Enlightened One, that is why it is called the day of His leaving the body.

2. All these activities are dependent on the soul. These activities go on because we are alive.

3. Sorrow is not the nature of the soul, it is a function of the mind. The soul is beyond the mind. / Sorrow is created out of ignorance, and ignorance is not in the nature of the soul, but in wrong intellect. The nature of the soul is unchanging.

4. Mere memorising of scriptures won't lead to permanent happiness. One needs to experience the pure soul for that, because the soul is an abode of bliss.

5. Even if there is no external light, the soul can know the dream world. / It knows itself.

(VIII) Answer in brief.**Marks: 10**

1. Example - The african tribes cannot relate the activity of procreation with the birth of a child due to a gap of 9 ½ months between the two. - 1 mark

Parmarth - The body that one has got is a tangible manifestation of his desires of past lives, but he doesn't realise it due to the long gap between the two. - 1 mark

2. Example - The street lamp stays unaffected from the things or events it illuminates in the street. - 1 mark

Parmarth - The soul knows/illuminates the non-self, yet remains detached from it, its nature is pure. - 1 mark

3. Example - Even though fire is the same, when it manifests it takes a visible form. It takes the form of wood, coal, gas etc. whichever association it gets ignited in. - 1 mark

Parmarth - The nature of the soul is the same in all living beings, yet it appears different in the different shapes of different beings. / It adopts the shape of the body it resides in, yet it is of the same nature and formless. - 1 mark

4. 1) In the sleep state, the body is sleeping but the soul remains awake and creates the dream world through the subconscious mind.

2) We immediately wake up if someone calls our name when we are asleep.

3) After waking up, we say that we had a good sleep.

Give 1 mark if any one of these is written, and 2 marks if two are written.

5. O Lord! When the sun cannot illumine You, how can this lamp illumine You? You are the source of light, the light of consciousness, all appears because of You. O Lord! Bless me with that direct experience of the soul. - 2 marks

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