

## NOTE: FACILITATORS MAY SELECT QUESTIONS

### Chapter 7

#### Closed Book Short

1. List Krishna's eight material gross and subtle energies. (7.4)
2. Give the English meaning of the words *para prakriti* and *apara prakriti*. (7.5)
3. List 6 ways Krishna can be seen in the material world. (7.8-11)
4. Give the English meaning of the terms *dushkritino* and *Sukritino*. (7.15-16)
5. List, in Sanskrit and English, 4 types who do and don't surrender to Krishna. (7.15-16)
6. Amongst those who surrender to Krishna, who is most dear, and why? (7.17)
7. Give the English meaning of the terms: *hrta-jnanah* (7.20); *antavat tu phalam tesam* (7.23)
8. With what Sanskrit word does Krishna describe the impersonalists? (7.24)
9. Define and briefly explain the significance of the terms *iccha* and *dvesa*. (7.27)
10. Give the English meaning of the terms *anta-gatam papam* and *punya-karmanam* (7.28)

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1. Explain, in your own words, the connection between Chapters 6 & 7 with reference to Krishna statements, "mayy asakta-manah" (7.1) and "yatatam api siddhanam kascin mam vetti tattvatah" (7.3).
2. Explain the significance of the word 'tat chrnu', in relation to the practice of bhakti-yoga. (7.1).
3. Discuss 3 points relevant to for theological and scientific discussion from 7.4-6 verses and purports.
4. Explain the analogy of the pearls strung on the thread. (7.7)
5. Explain the flaw in the mayavadi explanation of the statement in the Swesvatara Upanisad as described in 7.7 purport.
6. Explain the analogy of the man bound by the hand feet. (7.14)
7. Explain why a conditioned soul is called nitya-baddha (eternally conditioned) as described in Srila Prabhupada's purport to 7.14.
8. Explain why material nature is defined herein as divine with reference to the verse and purport of 7.14.
9. Explain the various types of people who surrender and don't surrender to the Lord with reference to the Sanskrit terms in 7.15-16.
10. Give arguments refuting the Mayavada doctrine with reference to 7.24 verse and purport.
11. Amongst sukrinah explain who Krishna considers the best and why. (7.17-18)
12. What are the deficiencies in demigod worshipers and their process? Give reference, including analogies, from Chapter 7 verses 20-23, verses and purports.
13. How does Krishna describe impersonalists in 7.24, and explain why.
14. Explain with reference to 7.25 verse and purport, why some people could not understand who Krishna was even when He was present on the earth five thousand years ago.
15. Describe Krishna omniscience, and explain why no one can know Him, with reference to 7.26-27.

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1. Give arguments refuting the Mayavada doctrine with reference to 7.7, verse and purport.

2. Summarize the process of understanding Krishna with reference to SB 1.2.17-21 as mentioned in purport to 7.1.
3. Discuss the importance of hearing, in understanding Krishna, with reference to 7.1 verse and purport.
4. Give three examples of how Krishna can be perceived through His material and spiritual energy, with reference to 7.4-12 verses and purports, and discuss how these verses can help you remember Krishna in your daily life.
5. Discuss how seeing Krishna everywhere would help you build and maintain relationships with vaisnavas, and people in general, with reference to 7.8-12 verses and purports.
6. Discuss how Sri Nityananda Prabhu's delivering naradhamas is reflected in Srila Prabhupada's mood. Give reference to 7.15, verse and purport in your response.
7. Analyze the 4 classes that surrender to Krishna and 4 classes who don't in relation to presenting Krishna consciousness to others. Give reference to 7.15-16 in your response.
8. Explain how living entities are deluded by the three modes of material nature and the process of crossing beyond it. Give reference to 7.13-7.14 verse and purport in your response.
9. Explain at least 3 philosophical concepts, useful in preaching, from 7.19 verse and purport.
10. Explain with reference to verses, purports and cited analogies, from Chapter 7 verses 20-23, why demigod worshipers are considered *alpa medasah*.
11. Explain how and why Krishna does not reveal Himself, with reference to verses, purports and cited analogies, from 7.25-26.
12. Explain the connection between 7.25 and 26 and discuss its philosophical significance, with reference to the verses and purports.
13. Srila Prabhupada writes in 7:28 purport "All the devotees of the Lord traverse this earth just to recover the conditioned souls from their delusion." Discuss how this statement is reflected in Srila Prabhupada's life and preaching. Give reference to 7.28 verse and purport in your response.
14. Srila Prabhupada writes to the purport to 7.30, "the Seventh Chapter particularly explains how one can become a fully Krishna conscious person". Explain this statement giving references to verses and purports to seventh chapter.

## Chapter 8

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1. Give the English meaning of the terms *adhibhuta*, *adhiyajna*, *adhidaiva*, *adhyatma*, as mentioned in 8.3-4.
2. Give the English meaning of the phrase *mam anusmara yudhya ca*. (8.7)
3. Explain the term *yoga-balena*. (8.10)
4. Give the English meaning of the phrases *ananya-cetah* and *tasyaham su-labhaḥ*. (8.14)
5. Give the English meaning of the word *duhkhalayam* (8.15)
6. List the duration in years of *Satya*, *Treta*, *Dvapara* and *Kali-yugas* & *a kalpa*. (8.17)
7. What is Brahma's life span in earthly years? (8.17)

### Closed Book Questions

1. Explain the connection between Bhagavad-Gita Chapters 7 and 8.
2. Explain the analogy of the caterpillar that thinks of becoming a butterfly. (8.8)
3. Explain the principles governing transmigration with reference to BG 8.5-9 verses and purports.
4. What is Krishna's instruction in 8.7 in relation to performing prescribed duty?
5. Explain the analogy of the caterpillar with reference to 8.8.
6. Compare the chanting of Hare Krishna Maha-mantra and the chanting of *Om* (8.13)
7. Define and describe '*ananya bhakti*' with reference to 8.14 verse and purport. (8.14)

8. Briefly describe the two paths for leaving the body for yogis as described in 8.23-27. What is the relevance of these paths for devotees?
9. Present the principle of reincarnation and the art of dying in a preaching context, with reference to BG chapter 8 verses and purports

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1. Present a summary of Bhagavad-Gita Chapter 8, identifying the main philosophical concepts and sections of verses, and how they connect.
2. Discuss the relevance of Krsna's instruction "tasmat sarvesu kalesu mam anusmara yudhya ca" for your own life and for preaching. In your response refer to Bhagavad Gita 8.4-8.7 verse and purport.
3. Explain the significance of the word 'yoga balena' with reference to 8.10 verse and purport.
4. Give reference to Bhagavad-Gita 8.14, verse and purport, in your response. Explain, in your own words, how the statement "a pure devotee can live anywhere and create the atmosphere of Vrindavana by his devotional service" reflects Srila Prabhupada's life and teachings. Give reference to Bhagavad-Gita 8.14...ananyas cintanyanto... , verse and purport, in your response.
5. Present a comparison of material and spiritual worlds with reference to 8.15-22, verses and purports.
6. Give reference to appropriate verses and statements from Srila Prabhupada's purports from Chapter 8 and describe how you are applying them to prepare for the time of death.
7. Compare the mystic yogis' process of attaining the Supreme with the process of the pure devotees' path. Give reference to Krishna's statements and Prabhupada's purports in Bhagavad-Gita, Chapter 8.
8. Present a summary of Bhagavad-Gita Chapter 8, identifying the main philosophical concepts and sections of verses, and how they connect.

## Chapter 9

### Closed Book Short

1. Give the English meaning of the terms:
  - i) yogam aisvaram (9.5)
  - ii) udasina-vat (9.9)
  - iii) manusum tanum asritam (9.11)
2. Give the English meaning of:
  - i) mogha-asah
  - ii) mogha-jnana and
  - iii) mogha-karmano (9.12)
3. List 4 qualities of a mahatma. (9.14)
4. List, in Sanskrit or English, 3 types of those worshiping Krishna in different ways. (9.15)
5. Give the English meaning of the phrase and *vahamy aham* (9.22)
6. Give the English meaning of the phrase *yajanty avidhi-purvakam* (9.23)
7. Give the English meaning of the phrase *bhajate mam ananya-bhak sadhur eva sa mantavyah* (9.30)

### Closed Book Questions

1. Explain the connection between Bhagavad-Gita Chapters 8 and 9.

2. Present a summary of Bhagavad-Gita Chapter 9, identifying the main philosophical concepts and sections of verses, and how they connect.
3. Discuss the significance of the word 'anasuyave' in BG 9.1, in relation to understanding and explaining Bhagavad Gita.
4. Explain the terms 'confidential', 'more confidential' and 'most confidential' with reference to the knowledge of Bhagavad-Gita. (9.1)
5. Explain the analogies:
  1. Giving water to the root of a tree. (9.3)
  2. High-court judge. (9.9)
  3. Fragrance of a flower. (9.10)
  4. Diamond in a golden ring. (9.29)
  5. Spots that resemble the mark of a rabbit. (9.30)
6. Draw comparison, of philosophical concepts and flow, between 7 and 9th chapters of Bhagavad Gita.
7. Describe the symptoms of the three categories of devotees as described in BG 9.3 purport.

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1. What principles and qualities relevant for the practice of pure devotional service, from the example of Sri Narada Muni. Give reference to BG 9.2, verse and purport, in your response.
2. Explain, in your own words, Krishna's relationship with the material world with reference to Prabhupada's purports and analogies and Sanskrit as given in BG 9.4-10, eg. maya tatam idam sarvam
3. List 4 points defeating Mayavada philosophy with reference to BG 9.11 verse and purport.
4. Discuss 4 qualities of a *Mahatma* with examples from Srila Prabhupada's life. Give reference to Bhagavad Gita 9.13-14, verses and purports, in your response.
5. List the three groups of worshipers mentioned in BG 9.15 and explain how their worship is indirect worship of Krishna. Give reference to BG 9.15-19 in your response.
6. With reference to 9.22 verse and purport, describe Krishna's reciprocation with His devotee. Discuss the relevance of these principles for personal and preaching application.
7. Present points relevant for preaching from Krishna's evaluation of demigod-worship. Give reference to BG 9.20-25 verses and purports in your response.
8. Explain, in your own words, how Krishna-bhakti can be easily performed with reference to 9.26 verse and purport.
9. Explain Srila Rupa Goswami's principle of yukta vairagya with reference to BG 9.27-28, verses and purports. Discuss the relevance of this principle for the future of the Krishna consciousness movement.
10. Explain the reciprocatory nature of the Lord with reference to BG 9.29 verse and purport. (BG 9.29)
11. Discuss appropriate and inappropriate application of Krishna's statement in 9.30-31, with reference to 9.31 verse and purport.
12. Discuss the significance of principles drawn from 9.31-33, for the expansion of the Krishna consciousness movement. Give reference to BG 9.31-33, verses and purports, in your response.
13. Identify and explain, in your own words, the principles of pure devotional service with reference to specific Sanskrit verses, and Prabhupada's purports, from Bhagavad-Gita Chapter 9.
14. Choose verses/sections from BG Chapter 9 which you feel have particularly enhanced your appreciation of the path of bhakti. Explain why and discuss.
15. Explain how Krishna takes special interest in the devotees who are all always engaged in His transcendental service. Give reference to 9.29-31 verse and purport in your response.

## Chapter 10

### Closed Book Short

1. Give the English meaning of the words *ajam & anadim*. (10.3)
2. What is the special mercy rendered to the pure devotee by Krishna? (10.11)
3. Explain the significance of the phrase “param brahma” (10.12)
4. Give the English meaning of the phrase *jnana-dipena* (10.11)
5. Why does Arjuna ask Krishna to explain His opulences? (10.17-18)
6. Explain the meaning of the word ‘*vibhuti*’. (10.19)
7. Explain the meaning of the word *Guḍakesa*. (10.20)
8. Amongst sacrifices, what is the significance of chanting the holy names? (10.25)
9. List any 4 opulences that are considered feminine. (10.34)
10. Give the English meaning of the phrases:
  1. *ekamsena sthito jagat* (10.42)
  2. *asamaurdhva* (10.42, purport)
11. List the three *puruṣa-avatars* (10.20 purport)

### Closed Book Questions

1. Explain the connection between Bhagavad-Gita Chapters 9 and 10.
2. Present a summary of Bhagavad-Gita Chapter 10, identifying the main philosophical concepts and sections of verses, and how they connect.
3. Briefly describe the analogy of sowing a seed in the heart, as explained in purport to 10.9.
4. Explain why Arjuna enquires “In what various forms are You to be remembered?” 10.17.
5. Arjuna states in BG 10.18 “I am never satiated in hearing about You, for the more I hear the more I want to taste the nectar of Your words.” In light of this statement, contrast your experience of hearing Kṛṣṇa-katha with that of hearing mundane topics.

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1. Explain the importance of knowing Krishna’s opulence in detail. Give reference to 10.7, verse and purport, in your response.
2. Highlight points relevant for your personal application and preaching of Krishna consciousness with specific references to Sanskrit words and phrases, and Prabhupada’s purports, from 10.8-11.
3. “Thus the realized souls in Krishna consciousness take continual pleasure in hearing such transcendental literatures, just as a young boy and girl take pleasure in association.” Discuss the relevance of this statement for your personal practice of Krishna consciousness. Give reference to BG 10.9, verse and purport, in your response.

4. “Devotees are in the darkness of ignorance and are philosophically naive sentimentalists.” Respond to this statement with reference to 10.11 verse and purport.
5. Explain why we should emulate Arjuna’s acceptance of all that Krishna has said. Give reference to BG 10.12-14, verses and purports, in your response.
6. Discuss how hearing Krishna’s vibhuti help you to remember Krishna and are useful for preaching. Give reference to at least 4 vibhuti mentioned in 10.19-42.

## Chapter 11

### Closed Book Short

1. How does the universal form differ from other forms of the Lord? (11.5)
2. Describe any four aspects of Arjuna’s vision of the universal form. (11.15-31)
3. Who was eligible to see the universal form on the battlefield? (11.20)
4. Define the phrases *kalo asmi loka-kṣaya-krt* and *nimitta-matram bhava* (11.32-33)
5. Why Arjuna addresses Krishna as the great-grandfather? (11.39)
6. Explain the analogy of the sun and lamplight. (11.52)

### Closed Book Questions

1. Explain the connection between Bhagavad-Gita Chapters 10 and 11.
2. Present a summary of Bhagavad-Gita Chapter 11, identifying the main philosophical concepts and sections of verses, and how they connect.
3. Explain why the *vishva-rupa* was shown to Arjuna. (11.3 & 11.8)
4. Describe the change in relationship between Krishna and Arjuna as described in BG 11.14 purport.
5. Give evidence establishing that Arjuna's seeing the Universal Form, as described in 11.20-23, was not a dream.
6. Explain how the Lord shows kindness and mercy to devotees who carry out His plan according to His desire. (34)
7. Explain the significance of the word ‘*su-durdarsam*’. 11.52.
8. Explain the nature of Kṛṣṇa’s universal form and Arjuna’s reasons for wanting to see it. Discuss the significance of this for preaching. Refer to relevant verses and purports from BG chapter 11 in your response.

### Open Book Essays

1. “Devotees who are correctly situated in a transcendental relationship with Krishna are attracted by loving features, not by a godless display of opulences.” Purport 11.8. Explain this statement with reference to BG chapter 11.
2. Discuss your experiences of becoming Krishna’s instrument with reference to BG 11.33-34, verses and purports.
3. Summarize principles derived from BG 11.32-36 verses and purports regarding “the plan of the Supreme Lord” and discuss the relevance of these principles for your own life as well as for humanity in general.
4. Discuss at least 3 points of philosophical significance from Arjuna’s prayers with reference to BG 11.35-46, verses and purports.
5. Explain the significance of Arjuna’s referring to Krishna as ‘*he kṛṣṇa he yadava*’ etc. with reference to BG 11.41-42 verses and purports.
6. Present evidence from BG 11.46-55 verses and purports to establish Krishna in His two-handed form as being the original form of God and the source of all other forms and incarnations of Godhead.

7. Present points, in your own words, relevant for personal application from the formula of Krishna consciousness given in Bhagavad-Gita 11.55. Give specific reference to the verse and Prabhupada's purports in your response.

## Chapter 12

### Closed Book Short

1. Who are the two classes of transcendentalists? (12.1)
2. Give the meaning of *saguna* or *nirguna* worship. (12.5)
3. Give the meaning in English of the phrase *teṣam aham samuddharta mṛtyu-samsara-sagarat* (12.7)
4. List, in Sanskrit or English, 5 qualities that endear a devotee to Krishna. (12.13-19)
5. Explain the analogies:
  1. Mailbox. (12.5)
  2. Man who has fallen in the ocean. (12.7)

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1. Explain the connection between Bhagavad-Gita Chapters 11 and 12.
2. Present a summary of Bhagavad-Gita Chapter 12, identifying the main philosophical concepts and sections of verses, and how they connect.
3. Summarize Krishna's description of the worship of impersonal Absolute Truth. (12.3-4)
4. Explain the 'mailboxes on the street' analogy as mentioned in purport to BG 12.5.
5. Explain how the devotee can become Kṛṣṇa-ized? (8)
6. Explain the analogies of the child completely cared for by his parents and the man who has fallen in the ocean. (6-7)
7. What is recommended for a person who is even unable to practice regulative principles of bhakti-yoga? (12.10)

### Open Book Essays

1. Explain why advancement is very troublesome on the impersonal path with reference to BG 12.5 verse and purport.
2. Discuss the importance of deity worship in Bhakti yoga with reference to BG 12.5 verse and purport.
3. Explain how Krishna establishes the superiority of bhakti over the impersonal path with reference to BG 12.1-7, verses and purports.
4. Explain the progression from preliminary levels to perfect Krishna consciousness as described in BG 12.8-12. Give reference to BG 12.8-12, verses and purports, in your response.
5. List at least 3 qualities which endear one to Krishna as described in BG 12.13-19, which you find particularly inspirational. Discuss ways of developing the qualities through the practice of Krishna consciousness.

## Chapters 7-12 Thematic Questions

### Closed Book Thematic Questions

1. Discuss the exalted and confidential nature of bhakti-yoga with reference to BG chapters 7-12 verses and purports.
2. “Generally, people know that God is great, but they do not know in detail how God is great. Here are the details.” (BG 10.7 purport) Explain how hearing the details of God’s greatness helps you in your practice and preaching of Krishna consciousness with reference to verses and purports from BG chapters 10 & 11.
3. Explain how faith is an essential ingredient in the progressive development of Krishna consciousness. Explain how you can protect your faith or damage it. In your response, give reference to BG 9.3 and supporting references from BG chapters 1-9 verses and purports.
4. Discuss the relevance of Krsna’s instruction “tasmat sarvesu kalesu mam anusmara yudhya ca” for your own life as well as for preaching. In your response refer to BG 8.7 verse and purport as well as supporting references from BG chapters 1-12.
5. Krishna declares BG chapter 9 as raja-vidya, raja guhyam (the king of education and most confidential knowledge). Establish how and why this is so with reference to BG 9.2 and chapters 7-9 verses and purports.
6. Explain, in your own words, Krishna’s analysis of demigod worship with reference to appropriate verses, purports and analogies from Bhagavad-Gita 3.10-16 and 7.20-23, 9.20-25.