

SB canto 3 chapter 1

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. What was the real reason for Vidura's quitting the house of Panḍavas? (2)
2. What is the meaning of *ajata-satroh*, and to whom is it referring? (8)
3. Why did Vidura not approach Lord Kṛṣṇa directly after leaving the palace? (17)
4. Who are known as *dvija-deva*? (23)
5. The Lord's *cakra* is the symbol of what? (23)
6. Why did Vidura inquire first about the Lord? (26)
7. What happened to Akrura when he came to Vrindavana in search of Kṛṣṇa? (32)
8. Why is Lord always attentive to the surrendered rulers and the pure devotees? (45)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Explain how Vrindavan Dham is non-different from Kṛṣṇa. (2)
2. Explain how is spiritual blindness more dangerous than physical blindness? (6)
3. The Battle of Kurukṣetra was induced by whom? Briefly explain. (8)
4. Explain with analogy the difference between the devotees' and the nondevotees' attitude in hearing the message of the Lord. (9)
5. Explain the purposes of places of pilgrimage. (17)
6. Briefly describe the duties of traveling mendicants with reference to the example of Vidura. (17-23)
7. Srila Prabhupada writes in purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.1.32: "The pure devotee of the Lord is always in company with the Lord by thinking of Him. Yet, in the particular context of time and place, the transcendental emotions take a different turn, and this breaks the mental equilibrium of the devotee. Lord Caitanya displayed the typical example of transcendental ecstasy, as we can understand from the life of this incarnation of God." Discuss this statement with reference to examples from Srimad Bhagavatam Cantos 1 & 2, and optionally, the lives of vaishnava acaryas.
8. Briefly describe how Arjuna got the Pasupati weapon from Lord Śiva. (38)
9. Explain why the Lord did not chastise the Kurus immediately when they insulted Draupadi in the assembly. (43)

Open Book Essays:

1. Srila Prabhupada writes in purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.1.14: "But Duryodhana was so foolish that he dared to insult Vidura. This was due to his bad association with Sakuni, his maternal uncle, as well as with his friend Karṇa, who always encouraged Duryodhana

in his nefarious acts.” Discuss the significance of this statement in relation to your personal practice of Krsna consciousness. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.1.14, verse and purport, and relevant reference to the bhakti sastras in your response.

2. Explain Vidura’s attitude to the insulting words of Duryodhana. Discuss the significance of this example in relation to your practice of Krsna consciousness. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.1.16, verse and purport, and this section in general, and relevant reference to the bhakti sastras in your response.
3. Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.1.17, “In the land of Bharatavarsa there are many hundreds and thousands of places of pilgrimage distributed all over the country, and by traditional practice the common man visits such holy places during all seasons of the year.” Discuss the significance of this statement with reference to the example of Vidura. Give reference to 3.1.17, verse and purport, in your response.
4. Srila Prabhupada writes in purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.1.21: “Such a worldly fire can be extinguished only by the water of the mercy cloud of saints, just as a forest fire can be extinguished only by rains falling from a cloud.” Discuss how the above statement reflects Srila Prabhupada’s mood and mission.
5. “There are still many devotees of the Lord lingering there in ecstasy in search of Krsna and His childhood associates, the *gopis*.” Discuss how this statement reflects Srila Prabhupada’s mood, with reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.1.24, verse & purport.
6. Srila Prabhupada writes in purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.1.36: “Maharaja Yudhisthira was the emblem of religion. When he was ruling his kingdom with the help of Lord Krsna and Arjuna, the opulence of his kingdom surpassed all imaginations of the opulence of the kingdom of heaven.” Explain this statement and discuss its relevance for ISKCON leaders and preachers. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.1.36, verse and purport in your response.
7. Describe Vidura’s attitude toward Dhritarastra with the reference from SB 3.1.41 verse and purport. Discuss the relevance of this example for your personal practice of Krsna consciousness.

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. Why Uddhava was unable to answer immediately when he was asked by Vidura to speak on the messages of the dearest Lord Krishna? (1)
2. How often do the pastimes of Lord Krishna take place in a universe? (7)
3. Explain why the members of the Yadu dynasty were considered more unfortunate. (8)
4. Why the devotees of the Lord are by nature peaceful? (15)
5. What is the most brilliant part of the Lord's supreme character? (17)
6. What is the difference between the results achieved by Sisupala and the warriors on the battlefield of Kuruksetra? (20)
7. How many Manus manifest in each universe? (21)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Explain the analogy of the liver patient who has never tasted milk in relation to accepting the revealed scriptures. (8)
2. Explain the fish and moon analogy in relation to the unfortunate persons who do not recognize Lord Krsna.
3. Explain the difference between the residents of Vrindavana and residents of Dvaraka, in understanding the Supreme Lord? (9)
4. Briefly explain the terms 'prakata' and 'aprakata' in relation to the Lord's pastimes. (12)
5. Explain the electricity friction analogy in relation to the Lord's appearance. (15)
6. Explain the significance of Sisupala's death. (19)
7. Why does Uddhava consider the demons to be more than the devotees? (24)
8. Explain why the Lord enjoyed being carried to Vrindavana by Vasudeva. (26)
9. Explain the children playing with toys analogy. (30)

Open Book Essays:

1. Discuss qualities and characteristics of a devotee fully absorbed in the transcendental ecstasy of love of God, with reference to the example of Uddhava as given in Srimad Bhagavatam 3.2.1-7.
2. Draw principles given in regard to raising children as described in purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.2.2. With specific reference to the example of Uddhava and other relevant sections of Cantos 1-2, discuss the relevance of these principles for Krsna conscious communities.
3. With the references from Srimad Bhagavatam 3.2.11 and other bhakti sastras verses and purports, describe happiness in the material world. Use appropriate sanskrit terms

and analogies in your response.

4. Explain the statement: "His body manifested in the material world is transcendental par excellence in the sense that His pastimes in the mortal world excel His mercy displayed in the Vaikunthalokas." Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.2.12, verse and purport, in your response.
5. Explain some of the Lord's apparently contradictory activities with reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.2.15-24, verses and purport, in your response.
6. With reference to Krsna's pastimes in Vrindavan, discuss the relevance of the principles of vedic economy for ISKCON's present and future. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.2.25-34, verses and purports, in your response.
7. Srila Prabhupada writes in purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.2.29: "With only these two things, cows and grain, humanity can solve its eating problem. Human society needs only sufficient grain and sufficient cows to solve its economic problems." Discuss how application of these principles addresses current world pandemic crisis. Give reference to this verse and purport and relevant sections of Canto 1 in your response.

SB canto 3 chapter 3

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. How did the lord prove as a worthy son of His parents? (1)
2. What was the analogy of Garuda carried away nectar from the hands of the demons referring to? (3)
3. How did the Lord achieve the hand of Princess Nagnijiti? (4)
4. Describe how the princesses kidnapped by Narakasura reacted upon seeing Krsna? (7)
5. Why did the Lord refraining from killing Kalayavana and Salva? (10)
6. Why did the Lord desire to establish Maharaja Yudisthira as the supreme control of the world? (16)
7. How did the Lord save the descendant of Puru from the Brahmastra of Asvatama? (7)
8. List 2 of the 3 principles given by Srila Prabhupada in the purport to the text to 28 that by following, one attains the perfection in human life. (28)
9. What warning can be drawn from the Yadhus being cursed by the brahmana sages? (28)

Closed Book Questions:

1. What significance does Srila Prabhupada draw from the incident of Krsna bringing the parijata tree from heaven? (5)
2. Discuss the relevance in the practice of sadhana of the lessons that Srila Prabhupada draws from the life of Demon Narakasura. (6)
3. Explain the significance of the Lord accepting as His wives the princesses kidnaped by Narakasura as explain by Srila Prabhupada in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.3.8.
4. Explain why the Lord was feeling unhappy as describe in Srimad Bhagavatam 3.3.13.
5. According to Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakur, how did Lord Krishna refer to the Yadhu dynasty? (14)
6. What preaching lesson does Srila Prabhupada draw from the incident of Pariksit being saved in the womb? (17)
7. List some interesting aspects of Vedic civilization as mentioned Srimad Bhagavatam 3.3.27-28, verses and purports.

Open Book Essays:

1. Draw lessons relevant for the teacher - student in relationship from Srimad Bhagavatam 3.3.2, verse and purport. Give reference to the bhakti sastras in your response.
2. Srila Prabhupada writes to the purport of Srimad Bhagavatam 3.3.18 "Perfect monarchy necessitates representation of the supreme will of the Lord, and Maharaja Yudisthira was the ideal monarch on this supreme principle." Draw principles on qualities relevant for spiritual leader in Krsna consciousness movement from the example of Yudisthira Maharaja. Give reference to either Cantos 1 - 3 in your response.
3. "Negation of the variegatedness of the inferior energy does not necessitate negation of the positive transcendental bliss of the spiritual world." Discuss the significance of this statement. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.3.20, verse and purport, and relevant bhakti sastras.
4. Explain the Lord's special attachment for His family members. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.3.21, verse and purport, in your response.
5. Draw lessons from Srimad Bhagavatam 3.3.26, verse and purport, in relation to visiting holy places. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.3.26, verse and purport, and Cantos 1 & 2 in your response.

6. Draw lessons relevant for arriving in the holy places from the Srimad Bhagavatam description of the descendants of Vrisni, Bhoja and Andhaka arriving in Prabhasa Ksetra. Give reference from Srimad Bhagavatam 3.3.26-28, verses and purport, in your response.
7. With reference to Srimad Bhagavatam canto 3 chapter 3, explain how the destruction of the Yadhu dynasty was by the will of the Lord, and discuss how this incident is relevant for preaching.

SB canto 3 chapter 4

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. How could the Yadus and Bhojas be vanquished in the presence of the Lord? (3)
2. What does the analogy of the sun rising and setting refer to? (8)
3. For what purpose did Srpad Sankaracarya preach the Mayavada philosophy? (20)
4. Explain the term maha-bhagavatam. (24)
5. What happen to Uddhava after discussing the transcendental name, fame, qualities, etc., of the Lord with Vidura on the bank of Yamuna. (27)
6. Who are the people classified as pasu (beast) in verse 3.4.34?

Closed Book Questions:

1. Explain the analogy friction of bamboos in relation to the destruction of the Yadus and Bhojas (2)
2. Explain why Uddhava was advised by the Lord to go to Badarikasrama. (4,30)
3. Describe the Lord's sitting posture as mentioned in Srimad Bhagavatam 3.4.8, and discuss its significance.
4. Describe the relationship between Maitreya Muni, Parasara Muni and Vyasadeva. (9)
5. Briefly explain ajnata-sukrti with the example mentioned in Srimad Bhagavatam 3.4.9.
6. Explain why Uddhava was described as the chief among the devotees of the Lord? (11, 24)
7. List some activities of the Lord that bewilder the intelligence of learned sages. (14-18)
8. Why did Uddhava ask the Lord about some of His contradicted pastimes? (16)
9. Explain why Sripad Sankaracarya did not dare to write any commentary on the Srimad-Bhagavatam. (20)
10. Describe the incident leading up to the Yadu Dynasty being cursed by the Brahmanas. (29)

11. Explain the cause of Vidura's cry. (35)

Open Book Essays:

1. Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.4.25 "Although Vidura was older than Uddhava, he was anxious to become a servant of Uddhava in the transcendental relationship." Draw principles from this statement in relation to Vaishnava association. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.4.25 and the bhakti sastras, verses and purport, in your response.
2. Draw points of philosophical significance from the Lord's departure from this world. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.3.27-34, verses and purport, in your response, and appropriate verses from the Bhagavad Gita.
3. Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.4.32 "Taking mercy on the great sages who lived at Badarikasrama, the Lord authorized Uddhava to speak on His behalf. Unless one has such authorization, one cannot understand or preach the devotional service of the Lord." Discuss the importance of this statement in relation to preaching Krsna consciousness. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.4.32, verse and purport in your response.
4. Explain the principles of maryada-vyatikrama with reference to the incident concerning Uddhava, Vidura and Maitreya. Discuss the relevance of these principles for members of ISKCON. Give reference to the verses and purports describing the meeting of Uddhava, Vidura and Maitreya in this section of Srimad Bhagavatam (Canto 3 chapter 4) and reference to at least 3 appropriate verses from the bhakti sastras in your response.
5. Draw lessons relevant for serving as a spiritual guide in ISKCON from the incident from the meeting of Uddhava, Vidura and Maitreya. Give reference to this section of Srimad Bhagavatam (Canto 3 chapter 4) and appropriate verses from the bhakti sastras in your response.
6. Identify vaisnava qualities and principles of vaisnava behavior from the meeting between Vidura and Uddhava. Discuss the importance of the example of Vidura and Uddhava in this connection for ISCKON members. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 chapter 4, verses and purport, in your response.

7. Discuss aspects of relationship between Krsna and Uddhava as described in this section of Srimad Bhagavatam (Canto 3 chapter 4). Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 chapter 4 verses and purports in your response.

SB canto 3 chapter 5

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. Who are the three objects of welfare when the Lord incarnates Himself? (7)
2. What the analogy of fire is never satisfied in its consumption of firewood referring to? (10)
3. What are the two important Krsna-kathas? (10)
4. For whom the Vedanta-sutra was compiled? (12)
5. Why Maitreya muni is described as bhagavan by Sukadeva Gosvami? (17)
6. Define the word Adhoksaja. (18)
7. What is mahat-tattva? (27)
8. What are three types of material misery? (40)
9. What two things does Sripad Sankaracarya recommends to save one from the punishment of Yamaraja? (41)
10. What is the most stubborn attachment for material enjoyment? (42)
11. What type of persons cannot see the lotus feet of the Lord as mentioned in Srimad Bhagavatam 3.5.44-45?

Closed Book Questions:

1. Briefly summarize Vidura's questions. (1-9)
2. Explain Why Vidura did not immediately ask Maitreya Muni about the Lord. (2)
3. Explain the analogy of the nipplelike bags on the neck of a goat. (5)
4. Briefly explain the kinds of relationship between human being and the Supreme Personality of Godhead as described in Srimad Bhagavatam 3.5.14 verse and purport.
5. Explain why Vidhura requested to hear about the Lord in His purusa incarnation (16)
6. Briefly narrate the incidence of Mandavya Muni cursing Yamaraja. (20)
7. Explain the analogy a husband wants to awaken his wife from the sleeping state for enjoyment. (24)
8. Why the Lord is described as viryavan? (26)
9. Explain how is the mahat-tattva transformed under the influence of the three modes of nature. (28-32)
10. Explain with analogy of the trees on the banks of the Ganges (38)

11. Explain the analogy of the family combination. (47)
12. Lord is unborn, why does he accept parents in the material world? (50)

Open Book Essays:

1. Srila Prabhupada writes in purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.5.3 “All fruitive activity, empirical philosophy and mysticism are more or less against the sense of subordination to the Lord,” Discuss how this statement reflex Srila Prabhupada’s mood and mission. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.5.3, verse and purport, and appropriate verses from the bhakti sastras in your response.
2. Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.5.7 “The cow is the most important animal for developing the human body to perfection. The body can be maintained by any kind of foodstuff, but cow’s milk is particularly essential for developing the finer tissues of the human brain so that one can understand the intricacies of transcendental knowledge.” Discuss the importance of this statement in relation to Srila Prabhupada’s mood and mission. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.5.7, verse and purport, and Canto 1 in your response.
3. “*Krsna-katha* is the only remedy for all people of the world because it can situate one in pure consciousness of the self and liberate one from material bondage.” Discuss the relevance of this statement for the expansion of the Krsna consciousness movement. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.5.10-16, verses and purport, in your response.
4. Draw points of personal application from the demigods’ prayers to the Lord (Canto 3 chapter 5 verses 39-51). Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.5.39-51, verses and purports, in your response.
5. Refute the theory of reflection “When there is a reflection of the sky on the water, both the sky and the stars are seen within the water.....” as proposed by the impersonalists. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.5.45, verse and purport, and appropriate verses from Bhagavad Gita in your response.

SB canto 3 chapter 6

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. With whom does the Supreme Personality of Godhead enter into the twenty-three elements? (2)
2. In which two ways does the Lord expand Himself? (8)
3. What is the last snare of the illusory energy? (25)
4. Who are considered as natural teachers and spiritual masters of all orders of society? (30)
5. Which two ideal kings are mentioned in the purport to the Srimad Bhagavatm 3.6. 31?
6. List the subsections of vaisyas as described in purport to SB 3.6. (32)
7. What are the three roads of the tridandi sannyasi represent? (36)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Explain the role of time in the material world. (1-2)
2. Explain the analogy of awakening from sleep. (3)
3. Explain the analogy of the two birds described in Svetasvatara Upanisad. (9)
4. Explain how an impersonalist can become a qualified brahmana, but not a spiritual master. (30)
5. Describe how the four orders of human society are situated in the universal form of the Lord. (30)
6. Explain the connection between dharma and devotion? (30-34)
7. Explain how the ksatriyas are the representatives of the Lord. (31)
8. Explain why the impersonalists are very much afraid of hearing the activities of the Lord? (37)

Open Book Essays:

1. Briefly Describe the development of the gigantic universal form with reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.6.1-10, verses and purport.
2. Srila Prabhupada writes in purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.6.30 "This inclination towards Vedic wisdom is also not restricted to any particular caste or community. Anyone from any family and from any part of the world may become inclined to the Vedic wisdom, and that will qualify him as a real *brāhmaṇa*." Discuss how this statement reflects Srila Prabhupada's mood and mission. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.6.30, verse and purport, and appropriate verses from the bhakti sastras in your response.
3. Select statements from Srimad Bhagavatam 3.6.32-33 which reflect Srila Prabhupada's mood and mission. Discuss the significance of this aspects of Srila Prabhupada's mood and mission for ISKCON development. Give additional reference from Canto 1 verses

and purports in your response.

4. Srila prabhupada writes in purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.6.36 “.....while glorifying the Lord the devotee becomes one with Him in transcendental interest, although he remains eternally a transcendental servitor.” Explain this statement with reference to the conversation between Vidura and Maitreya and Sri Isopanisad and Bhagavad Gita.
5. Discuss the appropriate attitude for hearing and reciting the Srimad Bhagavatam. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.6.35-40, verses and purports, and Canto 1, in your response.
6. Summarize Srila Prabhupada’s explanation the “froggy mentality” as described in the Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 chapter 6 purports.

Canto 3 Chapter 7

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. For which kind of living entity the Lord creates the material world? (3, 16)
2. What makes the living entity be forgetful of his real identity? (5)
3. What is the analogy referred to of a man who sees in a dream that his head is cut off? (10)
4. Mention two types of men in the material world who always enjoy happiness. (17)
5. For whom the Mahabharata is compiled? (29)
6. What does crossbreeding mean? (31)
7. One day in the higher planets is equal to how long in the earthly planet? (33)
8. How long is the duration of one day for Lord Brahma in earthly calculation? (33)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Explain with an example, how the Lord is simultaneously saguna and nirguna. (2)
2. Explain how the Lord is never subjugated by material influence. (2)
3. Explain the analogy of the two birds seated in tree. (6)
4. Explain the analogy of the sun, clouds, darkness and snowfall. (9)
5. Explain the analogy of the moon reflected on water. (11)
6. Explain the analogy of artificially stopping a mischievous child. (13)
7. Explain which is better of the two different methods for controlling the material senses. (14)

8. Identify points of relevance for the practice of Krsna consciousness from Vidura's response as describe in the Srimad Bhagavatam 3.7.15-20.
9. Explain the significance of the word *tantram* as mentioned in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.7.30.
10. Describe how Maitreya Muni's reaction, being thus invited by Vidura to speak? (42)

Open Book Essays:

1. In your own words, describe the Lord's connection with the material energy. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.7.2-9, verses and purports, and appropriate verses from the Bhagavad Gita in your response.
2. Describe the relationship between the jivas and the material energy and the cause of their sufferings in the material world. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.7.3-18, verses and purports, and appropriate verses from the Bhagavad Gita chapter 7 and 9 in your response.
3. Select statements from the Srimad Bhagavatam 3.7.12-20, verses and purports, how the living entity can be delivered from the entanglement of the material energy. Discuss the relevance of those statements in relation to your Krsna consciousness practice. Give additional reference from the bhakti sastras in your response.
4. Srila Prabhupada writes in purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.7.14 "By practicing *sadhana-bhakti* one may gradually rise to the point of *raga-bhakti*, and by performing *raga-bhakti* in loving transcendental service one can even control the Supreme Powerful Lord." Explain this statement and discuss the relevance for sadhakas in ISKCON. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.7.14, verse and purport, and the Nectar of Devotion in your response.
5. With reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.7.36-39, verses and purports, discuss the importance of the guru and sisya relationship for the practice of practice of Krsna consciousness.
6. Srila Prabhupada writes in purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.7.37 "The impersonalist's explanation of the word *aham* in the four verses of the original *Bhagavatam* — *aham evasam evagre*, etc. — is refuted here. The Lord and His eternal associates remain after the dissolution." Explain this statement in relation to refuting the philosophy of impersonalism. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.7.37 and Srimad Bhagavatam 2.3.33-36, verses and purports, and relevant verses from the Bhagavad Gita and Sri Isopanisad in your response.

Canto 3 Chapter 8

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. Why did the sage Maitreya propose to speak on Srimad-Bhagavatam? (2)
2. How can a perfect yogi at once transport himself from one place to another? (5)
3. Define uttamasloka. (6)
4. For what reason was Parasara given the blessing that he would be a great speaker on the Vedic literatures? (9)
5. Define svayambhu. (15)
6. When was the Brahma-samhita composed? (22, 26)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Explain the analogy of bathing of the elephant. (5)
2. Briefly explain the qualification of a Krsna consciousness preacher as mentioned in Srimad Bhagavatam 3.8.7.
3. Explain how the transcendental competition between the Lord and His devotees takes place. (27)
4. Explain the significance of the word avyakta-mulam. (29)

Open Book Essays:

1. Draw points of relevance for personal application from the description of the parampara of Srimad Bhagavatam from the Lord to Vidura. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.8.1-9, verses and purports, in your response.
2. Summarize the appearance of Lord Brahma and draw points of relevance for personal application from this incident. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.8.10-23, verses and purports, in your response.
3. With reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.8.24-33, verses and purports, draw points of philosophical significance from the descriptions of the beauty of the Lord.

Canto 3, Chapter 9

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. Define pasandi. (2)

2. Who are the “pilgrims” to the hell? (4)
3. Why the Lord is not very much satisfied by the worship of the demigods? (12)
4. Where the arcana regulations are directly instructed by the Lord? (17)
5. By what means Lord Brahma could see the source of his birth? (26)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Explain the comparison of the example between crows and ducks as mentioned in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.9.1.
2. Explain the analogy of a snake has its poison removed. (6)
3. Explain svarupa-siddhi (11)
4. Explain the analogy of the barren land. (12)
5. Discuss how Lord Krsna and Garhodayasayi-Visnu engage in rasa enjoyment. (14)
6. Explain the analogy of an actor on a stage. (15)
7. What general principles for preaching Krsna consciousness does Srila Prabhupada draw from the Lord’s sleeping in the water of devastation? (20)
8. Discuss of the significance of the metaphor of the sharpened razor. (24)
9. Explain the analogy of fire in wood. (32)
10. Explain the bewilderment of Brahma and Arjuna. (35)
11. Explain the significance of the word gunamayam. (39)
12. Explain how the Supreme Lord is the dearest in both the conditioned and liberated states. (42)

Open Book Essays:

1. Select statements from the purports to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.9.7-8 which reflect Srila Prabhupada’s mood and mission, and discuss their relevance for the devotees in Krsna consciousness movement.
2. Summarize Lord Brahma’s prayers as found in this section of the Srimad Bhagavatam. Elaborate on some interesting aspects of these prayers that can help your advancement in Krsna consciousness practice. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.9.1-25, verses and purports, in your response.
3. Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.9.17 “The systems of *jnana* and *yoga* are also indirectly rebellious acts against the Lord”. Explain this statement with reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.9.17, verses and purports, and appropriate verses from the bhakti sastras.

4. Draw points of significance for your practice of devotional service from Lord Brahma's prayers to Garbhodakasayi-Visnu as described in Srimad Bhagavatam 3.9.22-30, verses and purports.
5. Discuss the importance in the practice of devotional service of blessing, service attitude and a pure devotee's desire. With reference to the Lord's reply to Brahma as described in the Srimad Bhagavatam 3.9.29-43.
6. With reference to the Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 9, verses and purports, defeat the Mayavada philosophy. Include relevant analogies and appropriate Sanskrit terms in your response.

SB canto 3 chapter 10

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. Where were the seeds of all the planets in the universe impregnated? (7)
2. Define sarga and visarga. (7)
3. List the four planets which do not dissolve in the devastating water. (9)
4. What are the three kinds of annihilations? (14)
5. Define mahat-tattva. (15)
6. What is the difference between Prakrita and vikrita creation? (27)
7. List the eight varieties of the demigods. (28-29)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Explain the significance of Lord Brahmā's struggle for existence. (6)
2. Explain why the living entities are sometimes called pratibimbās (9)
3. Explain the analogy of tape-recorded voice. (12)
4. Explain how our senses are controlled by the Demigods. (17)
5. Explain how the human being is more passionate than the animals. (26)

Open Book Essays:

1. Describe the role and characteristic of time in relation to the creation. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.10.10-13, verses and purports, in your response.

2. Draw general principles relevant for the practice of Krsna consciousness from the example of Lord Brahma's penance as describe in this chapter. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.10.4-9, verses and purports, in your response.
3. Summarize the primary and secondary creations with reference to the Srimad Bhagavatam 3.10.15-29.

SB canto 3 chapter 11

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. Give the calculations for the following: (5 – 10)
 - Lava
 - Nimesa
 - Laghu
 - Muhurta
2. Who are the tri-kala-jnas? (17)
3. List the durations of each yuga. (19)
4. What is the life span of a Manu? (24)
5. What is the diameter size of the material universe? (40)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Briefly describe the Supreme Kala. (4)
2. Explain yoga-nidra. (32)
3. Explain the influence of the eternal time in the spiritual world. (38)
4. Describe the layers or elements covering the universes. (41)

Open Book Essays:

1. Briefly explain the calculation of time from the atom with reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.11.1-15, verses and purports.

2. Briefly describe the dissolution at the end of Brahma's day with reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.11.16-42, verses and purports.

Canto 3 Chapter 12

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. List the four principles of knowledge created by Lord Brahma. (4)
2. List 4 out of the 11 names of Rudra. (12)
3. How many wives does Rudra have? (13)
4. What is the nature of Rudra's devotees as mentioned in the purport to the Srimad Bhagavatam 3.12.16?
5. List 5 out of the 10 sons created by Lord Brahma. (21,22)
6. What does the name 'Narada' mean? (23)
7. Which parts of the body of Lord Brahma did religion and irreligion appeared? (25)
8. List the four principles of religiosity. (35)
9. What are the four legs of religion? (41)
10. Who is the example of a naisthika-brahmacari given by Srila Prabhupada in his purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.12.42?
11. List the four divisions of retired life and renounce order of life respectively. (43)
12. What happen to Lord Brahma's body after being given up? (33,49)
13. Who are the word 'kayam" refers to? (52,54)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Briefly describe the appearance of Rudra. (7)
2. Why did Lord Brahma stop Rudra to generating living entities? (16,17)
3. Explain why Rudra was asked to perform penance by Lord Brahma. (18,19)
4. Explain the analogy of the sun evaporates water from filthy places. (31)
5. Explain the analogy of a fire can consume anything and everything. (34)
6. List members of the family tree from Lord Brahma to Manu's daughters and their husbands. (52-57)

Open Book Essays:

1. Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.12.5 "one who is *vasudeva-parayana*, or seriously engaged in the devotional service of the Personality

of Godhead, Vasudeva, need not care for any other obligation". Discuss how this statement could be misunderstood by members of the Krsna consciousness movement. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.12.5, verse and purport, and appropriate verses from the bhakti sastras in your response.

2. Discuss points of significance relevant for the practice of Krsna consciousness from the incident of the Kumaras refusing the order of their father, Lord Brahma. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.12. 5-6, verses and purports, in your response.
3. Discuss the significance of the creation of Rudra from between the eye-brows of Brahma as a result of his anger, for the practice of the practitioners of Krsna consciousness. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.12.10-16, verses and purports, in your response.
4. " The human being is a social animal, and his unrestricted mixing with the fair sex leads to downfall. Such social freedom of man and woman, especially among the younger section, is certainly a great stumbling block on the path of spiritual progress" Discuss the relevance of this statement for ISKCON present and future community development. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.12.28 verse and purport, in your response.
5. With reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.13.41-43, verses and purports, describe the role of varnasrama dharma for the upliftment of the human society. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 1 in your response.

Canto 3 Chapter 13

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. Why did the Kumaras not need to execute the principle of varnasrama-dharma? (11)
2. Arrange the Supersoul, mind, senses, intelligence, soul in the correct order. (13)
3. How much space does the Garbhodaka ocean occupy? (15)
4. What was the size of the boar that came out of Brahma's nostril? (18,22)
5. What did the great sages and thinkers who are residents of Janaloka, Tapoloka and Satyaloka do upon hearing the tumultuous voice of Lord Boar? (25)
6. In which purana is the Hare Krsna Mahamantra is found? (25)
7. According to Srila Jiva Goswami, how do the Vedic literatures describe the incarnation and appearance of Lord Varaha? (31)
8. Define veda-vadi. (35)
9. List 3 out of 7 kinds of routine *yajnas* performed by all followers of the Vedic rituals. (38)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Explain the significance of the word sahasra-sirsnah. (5)
2. Describe Krsna's relationship with Vidura. (5)
3. Explain the analogy of the cloud resting on the top of a large mountain. (41)
4. Explain the analogy of the mother who is not independent in producing children. (42)

Open Book Essays:

1. Elaborate on Srila Prabhupada's comment "Worship of the devotee is more potent than worship of the Lord". Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.13.3-4, verses and purports, and Canto 1, in your response.
2. Draw principles of significance relevance for your personal practice of Krsna consciousness from the relationship between Lord Brahma and Manu. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.13.6-15, verses and purports, in your response.
3. With reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.13.12, verse and purport, select appropriate statements which reflect the quality of a Krsna consciousness leader. Explain the relevance of these statements for future of ISKCON movement. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.13.12, verse and purport, and appropriate verses from the Bhagavad Gita chapter 18 in your response.
4. With reference to verses and purports of Srimad Bhagavatam 3.13.16-33, establish the transcendental nature of the form of Lord Varaha.
5. Draw points of relevance your personal practice of Krsna consciousness from the prayers of the sages. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.13.34-45, verses and purports, in your response.

Canto 3 Chapter 14

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. Name the two millenniums in which the boar incarnation appeared. (2)
2. According to Bhismadeva, what are the destination of those who were present on the Battlefield of Kuruksetra? (5)
3. When is sexual intercourse accepted as righteous? (11)

4. What are the appropriate training for the boys and girls respectively? (17)
5. Why a wife is called the better half of a man's body? (19)
6. List the two types of Lord Siva's devotees. (28)
7. What are the two popular names of Lord Siva. (34)
8. What is the most important characteristic of a pure devotee as exhibited by Prahlad Maharaj? (49)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Explain the analogy of a banana tree and mad elephant. (10)
2. Why was Vidura addressed as 'vira' (hero). (16)
3. Explain the analogy of a fort commander and invading plunderers. (20)
4. Explain how does Lord Siva, out of his kindness, help the ghosts? (24)
5. Describe the family relationship between Kasyapa and Lord Siva. (25,36)
6. Briefly explain the cause of Diti's great satisfaction in her mind as mentioned in Srimad Bhagavatam 3.14.51.

Open Book Essays:

1. Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.14.17 "A faithful wife is supposed to cooperate with her husband in fulfilling all material desires so that he can then become comfortable and execute spiritual activities for the perfection of life. If, however, the husband is progressive in spiritual advancement, the wife undoubtedly shares in his activities, and thus both the wife and the husband profit in spiritual perfection." Discuss the significance of this statement for development of Krsna conscious communities. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.14.17-19, verses and purports, in your response.
2. Discuss principles relevant for ISKCON's community development present and future from the incident of Diti approaching Kasyapa in the evening. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.14.22-25, verses and purports, in your response.
3. Discuss how Lord Siva is an ideal example for your devotional life. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.14.26-29, verses and purports, in your response.
4. Compare the examples of Haridas Thakur and Kasyapa Muni in dealing with the attack of sexual desire. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.14.31-32, verses and purports, and the bhakti sastras, in your response.
5. With reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.14.32-36, verses and purports, identify lessons relevant for the practice of Krsna consciousness from the incident of Diti's repentance.

6. Identify general principles from the relationship of Diti and Kasyapa which are applicable in Krsna conscious grhastha life. Give appropriate reference from this section of the Srimad Bhagavatam, Canto 3 chapter 14, in your response.

Canto 3 Chapter 15

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. Define tri-kala jna. (3)
2. Though the four kumaras have no material desires, why do they travel all over the Universe? (12)
3. In the Vaikuntha planets all the residents have the form similar to what? (14)
4. List 10 out of the 26 qualities of the devotees. (25)
5. How many entrances does Vaikuntha-puri has? (27,29)
6. Why did the Kumaras not care to see the transcendental decorations of the six gates which they passed by one after another? (27)
7. What are the three enemies of the living entities? (34)
8. Why did the Lord instantly come out of His place and go to the spot? (37)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Explain why did Diti wait for one hundred years to give birth to her babies? (1)
2. Explain the analogy of a bull is directed by the rope. (8)
3. "Sense gratification is just like salt". Elaborate on this statement. (8)
4. Explain why the ladies in Vaikuntha are engaged in cleaning activities despite of hardly any dirt. (21)
5. Explain why the Goddess of fortune is called Cancala. (21)
6. Explain why the demigods, including Brahma, desire to attain the human form of life. (24)
7. Explain why the Lord is described as *visva-guru* (26)
8. Explain the significance of the doormen in the Vaikuntha planets being of the same age. (27)
9. Discuss the significance of the Kumaras assuming the child-like form. (29)
10. Explain the privileges and duties of a renunciant. (31)
11. Explain how anger is considered to be the younger brother of desire. (31)

12. Explain the difference between the anger of an ordinary person and that of a liberated person. (31)
13. Explain why the Kumaras considered the doormen imposters. (32)
14. Explain how God's creation in the Vaikuntha world is perfect. (33)
15. Describe how the doormen of the Vaikuntha reacted after being cursed by the Kumaras. (35-36)
16. Explain the analogy of a mad elephant. (39)
17. Describe the attitude of the Kumaras after cursing Jaya and Vijaya. (49)

Open Book Essays:

1. Summarize the description of the kingdom of God. Select at least 3 salient points and discuss the relevance for preaching Krsna consciousness. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.15.12-25, verses and purports, in your response.
2. Explain the relationship between man and woman in the Vaikuntha planets. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.15.17-20, verses and purports, in your response.
3. Draw points relevant for your practice of Krsna consciousness from Lord Brahma's prayer in Srimad Bhagavatam 3.15.25 and Srila Prabhupada's purport.
4. Srila Prabhupada said in his purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.15.33 "There is no cause for the politics of divide and rule in the Vaikuṅṭha planets". Discuss the significance of this statement for spreading Krsna consciousness. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.15.32-34, verses and purports, in your response.
5. "If the members of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, putting faith in Krsna as the center, live in harmony according to the order and principles of Bhagavad-gita, then they are living in Vaikuntha, not in this material world." Discuss the significance of this statement for ISKCON's present and future development. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.15.33, verse and purport, and this chapter in general, in your response.
6. Summarize and discuss points of relevance for preaching Krsna consciousness, from the incident of the Lord appearing before the four Kumaras. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.15.38-45, verses and purports, in your response.
7. With reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.15.45, verse and purport, in your own words, establish the superiority of bhakti-yoga compare to other types of yoga. Give additional reference the Bhagavad Gita Chapter 2-6, verses and purports, in your response.

Canto 3 Chapter 16

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. Why is the Lord famous as bhakta-vatsala? (7)
2. What does the Lord relish more than the oblations offered to Him? (8)
3. What is the result of feeding a brahmana or vaisnava? (8)
4. List the 5 creatures that have to be protected in the society. (9)
5. Give the English meaning of the word *paramesthya*. (15)
6. Mention, where do the karmis, jnanis, yogis and bhaktas take shelter respectively. (19)
7. List the 6 opulences of the Lord. (21)
8. Why is Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu called 'covered incarnation'? (22)
9. What are the three transcendental qualifications of the twice-born and the demigods? (22)
10. Who are considered as the twice-born amongst the four social orders in the society? (23)

Closed Book Questions:

1. How does Srila Prabhupada connect this incident in Srimad Bhagavatam to Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's dealing to Haridas Thakur. (2)
2. Explain the analogy of a spot of white leprosy. (5)
3. Describe the forbidden attitude which is mentioned in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.16.6.
4. What to do in the case one is faced to the grievous situation created by Brahmanas? (11)
5. Explain why does the Lord appreciate the service of *tulasi* more than the service of Laksmi. (21)
6. Explain the significant of the Lord being addressed as *tri-yuga*. (22)
7. What can you learn about worship of the Brahmanas and Vaisnavas from Srila Prabhupada's purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.16.23?
8. Describe how did the Kumaras feel after cursing the door keepers. (25)
9. Explain how one can practice *bhakti-yoga* in anger. (31)
10. Explain how bhakti yoga can free one from brahma-sapa. (31)

11. Explain how could the Kumaras return to the material world if they entered Vaikunthaloka. (32)

Open Book Essays:

1. Comment on the Lord relate to His devotees and discuss its relevance for your practice of Krsna consciousness. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.16.1-12, verses and purports, and bhakti sastras in general, in your response.
2. Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.16.26 “It is to be understood that there was a plan in the cursing of the Lord’s devotees in Vaikuntha...” Explain this statement with reference to this verse and purport and the section in general, verses and purports.
3. Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.16.35 “For this purpose the *garbhadhana-samskara* is recommended in the Vedic scriptures. If the mind of the father is not sober, the semen discharged will not be very good.” Discuss the significance of this statement for ISKCON’s future development. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.16.35, verse and purport, and other relevant reference to performance of dasaveda-samskara in Srimad Bhagavatam Cantos 1-3, in your response.
4. Describe and discuss the relevance for the practice of Krsna bhakti from Lord’s relationship with the Kumaras and devotees in general. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 16, verses and purports, and the bhakti sastras in general, in your response.

Canto 3 Chapter 17

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. What is the difference between the demigods and ordinary human beings? (1)
2. How long did Diti keep her twin sons within her womb? (2)
3. Define varna-sankara. (15)
4. Why was Hiranyakshipu unafraid of death? (19)
5. What does the analogy of snakes hiding themselves for fear of Garuda indicate? (22)
6. What is the name of Varuna’s capital? (26)
7. What did Hiranyaksa ask from Varuna when he reached his abode? (27)
8. What was Varuna’s advise to Hiranyaksa after hearing his request? (30-31)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Describe the bodily features of Diti's sons. (16-17)
2. Explain Pinda-Siddhi. (18)
3. What lesson can we learn from the incident of Hiranyakasipu's death on the Lord's hands? (19)

Open Book Essays:

1. Draw principles from Srimad Bhagavatam 3.17.1, verse and purport, relevant for relationship of the authorities within ISKCON and devotional relationship amongst the sadhakas in general.
2. With reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.17.2-15, verses and purports, compare the description of natural disturbances which occurred when the demons were born with circumstances that we find in the modern society. Discuss how the expansion of Krsna consciousness movement can have an impact on such circumstances.
3. Draw points of philosophical significance from Hiranyaksa's conversation with Varuna. Discuss the relevance in the practice of Krsna consciousness. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.17.20-31, verses and purports, in your response.

Canto 3 Chapter 18

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. Give the English meaning of the word "Ajita". (1)
2. What does it refer to the analogy of an alligator chases an elephant? (7)
3. What is another name of Hiranyaksa? (18)
4. What was the Earth planet previously known as before the rule Maharaj Pariksit? (19)
5. What was the analogy used to describe the fight between Lord Varaha and Hiranyaksa? (19 - 20)
6. After arriving at the place of combat, what was Lord Brahma's request to the Lord? (24 - 28)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Explain the example of an uprooted tree. (5)
2. Explain the analogy of supplying food to the stomach. (5)

3. Explain the analogy of a cobra before an enchanter. (13)
4. Explain why the Lord is described as yogarudha. (15)
5. Explain why Lord Brahma is described as *svarat*. (20)
6. With the example given in the purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.18.22-23, explain the nature of the boon given by a demigod to the demon.
7. Explain the analogy of the village boys and a serpent. (24)

Open Book Essays:

1. Select some specific Sanskrit words from Srimad Bhagavatam 3.18.2-8, and discuss how even though they were spoken by Hiranyaksa to blaspheme the Lord they actually show His glories.

Canto 3 Chapter 19

Closed Book Short Answer Questions:

1. Where did Lord Boar appear from? (2)
2. Why did Hiranyaksa not attack the Lord when the Lord's mace slipped from His hand? (3-4)
3. What does the analogy of Garuda seizes a serpent refer to? (11)
4. What distinguish between the Lord and other inhabitants of the Vaikunthaloka? (15)
5. Why is the Lord known as tri-pat? (22)
6. What did Diti remember at Hiranyaksha's last moment? (23)
7. Define adhoksaja. (25)
8. Why did the bodily luster of Hiranyaksa not fade even after he died? (27)
9. What does the phrase "Sattvam visuddham" indicate? (30)
10. Why the Lord is addressed as adi-sukara? (31)
11. Why some of the impersonalists are called Mayavadis? (37)
12. Name the five items of devotional services recommended by Chaitanya Mahaprabhu that can deliver one from the miserable condition of material life. (38)

Closed Book Questions:

1. Explain why the prayers of Brahma and other demigods are described as Nirvyalika (1)

2. With analogy, explain why did the Lord enjoy the striking of Hiranyaksa on His transcendental body. (16)
3. What we can learn from the incident of Hiranyaksa's failure to capture Lord Boar within his arms? (24)
4. Explain why the Lord didn't kill Hiranyaksa immediately although He could do so. (26)
5. Explain the analogy of a child plays with dolls and breaks them. (32)

Open Book Essays:

1. Briefly summarize the killing of the demon Hiranyaksa as described in Srimad Bhagavatam canto 3 chapter 19, and discuss points of significance for the practice of sadhana bhakti. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 chapter 19, verses and purports, in your response.
2. Explain why Sanatana Gosvami has especially warned that one should not hear anything about the personality of the Lord from the lips of a nondevotee. Give reference to Srimad Bhagavatam 3.19.33 and appropriate verses and purports Cantos 1 & 2, in your response.