

CHAPTER 12

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Who, according to Kuvera, was responsible for killing the Yaksas? (3)
- 2) Identify the three features implicit in the word bhajasva (6)
- 3) What benediction did Dhruva ask from Kuvera? (8)
- 4) Why did Dhruva Mahārāja take a benediction from a demigod? (9)
- 5) How long did Dhruva Mahārāja rule over this planet? (13)
- 6) What can be understood from the acts of Dhruva Mahārāja? (16)
- 7) What are the different levels of knowledge? (19)
- 8) How did Dhruva greet the Visnudūtas and thereby satisfy them? (21)
- 9) Dhruva's mother acted as what kind of guru for her son? Explain (32)
- 10) Translate the phrase yasmin vijnāte sarvam evam vijnatam bhavati (34)
- 11) What is Srila Prabhupāda's formula for being transferred to the Vaikunthaloka? (36)

CHAPTER 13

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Explain the two different ways of approaching the Supreme Lord (3)
- 2) Describe the two kinds of devotees, the bhajanānandi and the gosthy-ānandei (10)
- 3) What are the asvamedha and the gavāmbha sacrifices? (25)
- 4) List some of the requirements for a Vedic sacrifice to be successful (27)
- 5) What should we avoid while worshiping Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa in the temple? (28)
- 6) What can be concluded if a person does not get a son? (31)
- 7) Explain the difference in how the Lord fulfills the respective desires of the karmīs and the devotees (37)
- 8) What is the meaning of pum-savanam? (38)
- 9) Explain how King Anga's misfortune in family life was conducive to his spiritual advancement (39, 46-47)

10) Explain how a child, even though born of a good father, may become sinful (39)

CHAPTER 14

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) In modern democracy, who are voted to administrative posts? (1)
- 2) Describe the results of weak and strong governments (3)
- 3) Describe King Vena's inappropriate attitude (4)
- 4) Summarize the duty of the government (17-20)
- 5) What is the duty of the saintly if the government becomes demonic? (12, 31, 40)
- 6) What is the duty of the saintly who see God and His devotee being insulted? (32)
- 7) How should devotees respond when there is a calamity in human society? (41)
- 8) Why did the saintly consider that, although King Vena was very sinful, the semen in the family of Vena must be protected? (41)
- 9) What is amogha-virya? (42)
- 10) What was the catastrophe in the family of Dhruva Mahārāja? (42)

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- 1) With respect to Srila Prabhupāda's translations and purports to SB Canto 4 Chapter 14 verses 12, 31 and 40, identify two ways saintly people may rightly respond to the policies and actions of a materialistic government. Cite a materialistic policy or action of your own country's government and describe how you and your devotee community are responding.
- 2) With reference to SB 4.19.12-25, recount the origin of false sannyāsa orders. False sannyāsis persist even today. What are their symptoms?

CHAPTER 15

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) What type of expansion was King Prthu? (15.2, 4, 6)
- 2) How should the goddess of fortune be worshiped? (15.3)

- 3) What gifts presented to Prthu Mahārāja do you find intriguing and why? (15.14-20)
- 4) What did Prthu Mahārāja's unwillingness to accept praise indicate? (15.22-24)

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- 1) With respect to Prthu Mahārāja's refusal to accept praise in SB 4.15.22-24, identify a personal lesson we can learn from the king's words and behavior, as well as a vitalpoint we can present to people about true and false incarnations of Godhead.

CHAPTER 16

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) How should one test all spiritual matters? (16.1)
- 2) Explain the meaning of ātma-māyayā in relation to the Lord's appearance (16.2)
- 3) Select points from the sūta's praise of Prthu Mahārāja that are instructive for administrators (16.4-27)

CHAPTER 17

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) What is the significance of King Prthu's accepting Sanat-kumāra as his spiritual master? (17.5)
- 2) What is the meaning of the word avatāri? (17.7)
- 3) Why was there a scarcity of food grains? (17.13)
- 4) Why did mother earth take the shape of a cow? (17.14)
- 5) Explain the significance of planets' being called dvépa (17.21)
- 6) Why was Mahārāja Prthu threatening to kill the cow-shaped earth? (17.22, 26, 27)
- 7) Under what circumstances can the government arrange for the eating of cow flesh? (17.25)
- 8) How should one understand the apparently contradictory acts of the Lord? (17.36)

CHAPTER 18

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Explain the difference between a conditioned and a liberated soul (18.5)
- 2) Why are thunderbolts generally thrown on the tops of hills? (18.11, 29)
- 3) What general principle does Srila Prabhupāda draw from the sages' milking all kinds of Vedic knowledge from the earth? (18.14)
- 4) Explain the performance of the śrāddha ceremony in Vedic civilization (18.18)
- 5) Describe the following beings: Siddhas, Vidyādharas, Kimpuruñas, Yaksas, Rāksasas, bhūtas, and pisācas (18.19-21)

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- 1) With reference to Srila Prabhupāda's purports to SB 4.18. 8, 13-14, describe two ways the Hare Kṛṣṇa movement can bring peace to our ever-troubled world.

CHAPTER 19

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Explain the import of the word matsara (2)
- 2) What does it mean that Kṛṣṇa is sarvātmā? (3)
- 3) What is a kāma-dhenu? (7)
- 4) List the main points from the purports to texts 8 and 9.
- 5) List the four kinds of foodstuffs (9)
- 6) What lesson does Srila Prabhupāda draw from King Indra's becoming envious of an incarnation of God? (10)
- 7) Why did Indra steal the horse meant for the yajna performance? (11)
- 8) Explain the meaning of the words tistha tistha (13)
- 9) What general principles does Srila Prabhupāda draw from King Indra's fraudulently dressing as a sannyāsi? (12-26)
- 10) Why do the Vedic sastras practically prohibit the adoption of sannyāsa in this age? (25)

- 11) Being a devotee in the transcendental position, why was King Prthu performing the prescribed Vedic ritualistic ceremonies? (33)
- 12) How should a saintly person respond to reversals in life? (34)
- 13) Why did Brahmā want to end the competition between Indra and Prthu? (35-36)
- 14) Those who think they are taking the goddess Kāli's prasāda are actually eating what? (36)

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CHAPTER 20

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) What is a quality of those who are advancing in spiritual knowledge? (3)
- 2) Explain the terms traigunya-visayā vedāh and nistraigunya (6)
- 3) Explain the process of karma-yoga (9)
- 4) Describe how devotional service is very simple (9, 15)
- 5) Explain vyavasāyātmikā buddhih (13)
- 6) What is the king's real duty? (14)
- 7) Describe the subtle laws of nature mentioned in text 14.
- 8) What is the Lord pleased by? (16)
- 9) If the Lord never excuses one who has offended his devotee, how can one get free from the reactions to such an offense? (18)
- 10) What is the meaning of bhakta-vatsala? (19)
- 11) Why is there no chance of a devotee's being in error? (20)
- 12) Explain the significance of the phrase ārya-sangama (26)
- 13) Who can give up the practice of chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa? (26)
- 14) What did the Lord appreciate very much? (34)

Open Book Essays

- 1) With respect to SB 4.20.9-15, select two specific instructions of Lord Vishnu for King Prthu and explain how a Krsna conscious leader could apply each of them today.

CHAPTER 21

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) According to Vedic civilization, list some of the auspicious paraphernalia for receiving a prominent guest (4)
- 2) What was Saint Vidura's purpose in hearing about King Prthu again and again? (10)
- 3) When one comes to Krsna consciousness, he immediately becomes what? (12)
- 4) People in general should be controlled by a king until what time? (12)
- 5) Explain the import of the word prajā (22)
- 6) Give examples of how the laws of nature are very subtle (24)
- 7) What is more dangerous than denial of the existence of God? (27).
- 8) Why doesn't everyone receive the same result for their activities? (30)
- 9) Why did Lord Caitanya advise that one not accept many disciples? (31)
- 10) Explain how bhakti-yoga diminishes our false appetite for enjoyment and lordship over the material world (32)
- 11) Who should take to the indirect process of performing yajnas and why? (34)
- 12) Describe the respective qualifications of a brāhmana and a Vaishnava (37)
- 13) Explain the import of the Lord's obtaining His opulences by worshiping the lotus feet of the brāhmanas (38)
- 14) Why at present is it very difficult to render service to the brāhmana-kula? (40)
- 15) What is more effective than offering oblations to the sacrificial fire? (41)
- 16) What is the meaning of sādhu-vāda? (45)
- 17) What is the purpose of accepting a wife in religious marriage? (46)
- 18) What is the chief concern of a Vaishnava? (47)

19) What is the symptom of one who is elevated to the platform of goodness? (52)

Open Book Essays

1) With respect to SB 4.21.24, what are some of the pros and cons we may consider before accepting an invitation to eat in a certain place? What should be our guiding principle in deciding whether to accept such an invitation?

CHAPTER 22

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) What are the special powers of the four Kumāras? (2, 9)
- 2) How should one receive a saintly person who comes to one's home? (5,10)
- 3) Why did the Kumāras keep themselves as small children? (12)
- 4) Why did Mahārāja Prthu not ask the Kumāras about their good fortune? (13-15,)
- 5) What four kinds of sinful activities are allowed for the ksatriyas? (13)
- 6) Why were the Kumāras considered mahā-bhāgavatas? (16)
- 7) The Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement has started for what purpose? (23)
- 8) How should a devotee relate to different types of religious systems? (24)
- 9) How should a devotee deal with sickness? (24)
- 10) List the five kinds of material attachments (26)
- 11) Describe the perfect idea of oneness between the soul and the Supersoul (27)
- 12) Why is there is no question of renouncing anything for a paramahansa? (28)
- 13) What is the strongest obstruction to one's self-interest? (32)
- 14) How can the king or government head satisfy everyone? (55-58)
- 15) Describe a brahmacāri (62)

Open Book Essays

- 1) With respect to SB 4.22.51, explain how King Prthu perfectly practiced karma-yoga. Present two ways ISKCON is teaching people to practice karma-yoga or bhakti-yoga.

CHAPTER 23

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Explain why a Krsna conscious person does not need to go to the forest (5)
- 2) List some of the austerities executed by King Prthu and the jnanis and yogis (5-6)
- 3) Why is a Krsna conscious person most intelligent? (7)
- 4) What is the aim of pranayama? (8)
- 5) Why did Prthu Mahārāja, an eternally pure devotee of the Lord, adopt the process of devotional service? (11)
- 6) Explain the purpose of the yogic process practiced by Prthu Mahārāja at the time of death (13)
- 7) How did Mahārāja Prthu accelerate his return to Godhead? (14)
- 8) How does a soul, merged into Brahmān, fall down again into material life? (15)
- 9) Explain the meaning of prabhu (18)
- 10) Describe Vishnupriyadevi's austerity (20)
- 11) What do the inconceivable activities of Mahārāja Prthu and his wife show? (26)
- 12) Describe the husbands and wives in the Vaikutha planets (29)
- 13) Explain the term advaya-jnana (31)
- 14) Analyze the distinctions between the pastimes of the Lord and the activities of Prthu Mahārāja (31, 38)

Open Book Essays

- 1) With respect to SB 4.23.26, how did King Prthu's wife achieve the same destination as her husband? In his purport, what does Srila Prabhupāda write that a woman today may challenge? How would you answer that challenge?

CHAPTER 24

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Why should the sins of Indra and other devotees “be overlooked?” (5)
- 2) Which kingly duties are identified as being “not very desirable?” (6)
- 3) Who are the Prajāpatis? (9)
- 4) What is the deciding factor to judge the success of austerities and penances? (14)
- 5) What is the “perfectional meditation” and “secret of success?” (15)
- 6) What did Lord Siva appear as in the Kali age and what did he do? (17)
- 7) Identify Lord Siva’s final instruction as Sankarācārya. (18)
- 8) Why don’t the Lord’s devotees need to ask benedictions from the demigods? (27)
- 9) Define ksara and aksara. (28)
- 10) What is karmārpanam and why is it considered fruitive activity? (28)
- 11) List the qualifications necessary to:
- 12) Occupy Lord Brahmā’s post.
- 13) Approach Lord Siva and attain the spiritual planets. (29)
- 14) Describe the relationship between Lord Vishnu’s devotees and Lord Siva? (30)
- 15) What general principle about mantras is mentioned in the purport to text 32?
- 16) List the six kinds of transformations that agitate conditioned souls? (34)
- 17) What functions do Sankarsana, Pradyumna, and Aniruddha perform? (35-36)
- 18) Explain the difference between pāncarātrika- and bhāgavata-vidhi. (45-46)
- 19) What influence does time have on the karmis, jnanis, and bhaktas? (56)
- 20) List the steps of creation explained in the purport to text 63.

CHAPTER 25

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Define karma-bandha-phānsa and kṛta-dharma. (5-6)
- 2) Explain why knowledge and renunciation are called the ultimate goal of life? (7)

- 3) List the six people implicated in animal slaughter. (8)
- 4) What does puranjana mean? (9)
- 5) Why did Puranjana remain unsatisfied? (12)
- 6) Describe which animals are victimized by their different senses. (12)
- 7) What is andha-pangu-nyāya and how can we apply it? (13)
- 8) What are the walls, parks, canals, windows, and three metals compared to? (14)
- 9) List what these living beings represent:
 - a) The beautiful woman.
 - b) Her ten servants.
 - c) The servants' wives.
 - d) A five-hooded snake. (20-21)
- 10) Describe the two ways a living entity can be a hero. (25)
- 11) What is the difference between a demon and a demigod? (29)
- 12) Why do materialists feel non-grhastha statuses "worse than animal life?" (38)
- 13) Describe pravṛtti and nivṛtti-mārgas. (39)
- 14) Explain why the mouth is described as the most important gate. (49)
- 15) Why is the right ear called Pitṛhū and the left ear Devahū? (51)
- 16) Who are the "friends" of the different gates of the city? (47-53)

Open Book Essays

- 1) Prepare an essay for preaching to ISKCON devotees (grhasthas/to be married) on respecting women (especially their Dharmapatni) based on the purport of the verse 4.25.37. Student should quote at least 2 pastimes from the scriptures where e husbands' care/protection was demonstrated.

CHAPTER 26

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) List what the following represent:
The chariot / The three flags / Panca-prastha forest / The five horses / Two explosive

weapons / Two chariot wheels / Seven coverings / Revolving axle / Rein / Chariot driver / Sitting place / Two poles / Five weapons / Five different styles / Five obstacles/ Gold decorations. (26.1-3)

- 2) What does Puranjana's going hunting symbolize? (26.1-3)
- 3) What marks the beginning of religious life? (26.10)
- 4) What does Puranjana's coming home, taking bath, and eating indicate? (26.11)
- 5) What does the mother represent? (26.15)
- 6) What is the main quality of a dharma-patni? (26.16)
- 7) How do we come back to our good intelligence and Krsna consciousness? (26.19)
- 8) Explain why brähmanas and Vaishnavas break neither the laws of the state nor the laws of nature. (26. 24)

CHAPTER 27

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) How can sinful life be counteracted? (27.1)
- 2) Define and elaborate on the word pramadä. (27.3)
- 3) What is Cärväka's philosophy? (27.18)
- 4) Identify what the following personalities represent: Kälakanyä, Candavega, Candavega's soldiers and female companions, Prajvära, Yavana-räja, Yavana-räja's soldiers. (27.16, 26, 30)
- 5) List one benefit of being a naisthika-brahmücäri? (27. 21)
- 6) How did Kälakanyä curse Närada Muni? (27. 22)
15. What was achieved by Närada's response to Kälakanyä's curse? (27. 23)
16. What is the proper and improper understanding of yavana and mleccha? (27. 24)
- 7) List items Srila Prabhupäda associates with the "Vedic way of civilization." (27. 24)
- 8) Why are all devotees taken to be in Närada Muni's disciplic succession? (27. 24)
- 9) Describe the effect of old age on a devotee. (27. 24)
- 10) How did Yavana-räja seek to utilize Kälakanyä? (27. 28)

CHAPTER 28

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) How does Srila Prabhupāda define kepana? (7)
- 2) Explain why the living entity does not want to leave his material body. (10)
- 3) What roles do the subtle and gross bodies play in material enjoyment? (17)
- 4) Explain why Puranjana became a well-placed princess in his next life. (28)
- 5) What is the significance of Malayadhvaja and his children? (29, 30)
- 6) Explain nirjana-bhajana. (33)
- 7) How did King Malayadhvaja conquer life's relativities? (37)
- 8) Explain the two types of Māyāvādi philosophies. (40)
- 9) What is saha-marana and why was it outlawed? (50)
- 10) Who is the brāhmana friend of King Puranjana? (51)
- 11) How can a person contact the Supersoul? (52)
- 12) Why does the Lord expand Himself? (53)
- 13) What analogy does the brāhmana use to explain Vaidarbhi's position? (54, 64)
- 14) Explain the value of stories in the Puranas similar to the Puranjana allegory. (65)

CHAPTER 29

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) What does avadhūta mean and how does it relate to smell? (11)
- 2) How do sahajiyās view sex? (14)
- 3) How does Vrndāvana rectify sinful persons? (14)
- 4) What contemporary example does Srila Prabhupāda cite of trying to solve problems but only creating more problems? (33)
- 5) What is nirjana-bhajana and why can't a neophyte devotee practice it? (41)
- 6) Explain the mistake of the Ārya-samājists? (47)
- 7) Why did Nārada Muni tell a second allegory to the king? (52)

- 8) In the deer allegory what do the following represent: deer, flower garden, bumblebees' humming, tiger, hunter? (53, 54)
- 9) Who are the karma jada-smärtas and why don't they like devotional service? (57)
- 10) Briefly explain the process of transmigration with reference to the Supersoul and the subtle and gross bodies. (62)
- 11) Give three examples of the connection between the mental condition and the
- 12) gross body in both material life and Kṛṣṇa consciousness. (63)
- 13) What is the relation between mental state, nature's modes, and future life? (66)
- 14) Explain dreams according to text 67.
- 15) At which times does the soul not identify with his gross body? (71)
- 16) How does Virarāghava Ācārya define the protection of citizens? (81)

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- 1) With specific references to SB 4.29.52-54, discuss the relevance of the deer allegory to your life. If you are presently in the deer's predicament, how practically will you get out of it? If you are not in the deer's predicament, how practically will you avoid it?

CHAPTER 30

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) How is Lord Śiva able to offer all kinds of material happiness? (2)
- 2) Why is the Supreme Lord described as puranjana? (3)
- 3) Describe some characteristics of the Kinnaras. (6)
- 4) What is a mature devotee's attitude toward material opulence? (19)
- 5) Define hari-medhase. (24)
- 6) What is the most valuable benediction the Lord gives to neophyte devotees? (27)
- 7) What is the best benediction a devotee can ask of the Lord? (33)
- 8) Describe what is achieved by an audience that hears transcendental topics. (35)
- 9) What types of people are able to take advantage of the traveling preacher? (37)

- 10) List four qualities of Āryans. (40)
- 11) Cite two examples of the Lord's renunciation. (43)
- 12) Why were the Pracetās angry to see the tall trees? (44)
- 13) Explain why svāmis are sometimes addressed as mahārāja. (45)
- 14) Briefly sketch the story of the Pracetās' wife, Māriñā. (47)
- 15) For what two reasons did Dakṣa have to take birth from Mārisā's womb? (48)

Open Book Essays

- 1) Identify two statements from Chapter 30 that reflect Srīla Prabhupāda's mood and mission. Discuss the significance of these statements for ISKCON's future.

CHAPTER 31

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) What is a life based on the "Vedic principles?" (1)
- 2) Describe the proper and improper way to approach a saintly person. (7)
- 3) Explain the phrase bhagavān nāradaḥ. (8)
- 4) List three kinds of births for a civilized human being. (10)
- 5) Briefly explain the analogy given in text 17.
- 6) What are the immediate and remote causes of the cosmic manifestation, and what example is cited to clarify this concept? (17)
- 7) What are the three causes of creation? (18)
- 8) What are three ways to quickly satisfy the Lord and how are they connected? (19)
- 9) Explain what impels a saintly person to associate with his relatives. (30)

Open Book Essays

- 1) With reference to SB 4.31.9-22, select two points from Nārada Muni's instructions to the Pracetās. Present each point persuasively in a preaching context.

