

CHAPTER 1

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Explain why King Pariksit was amazed that King Priyavrata remained in household life
- 2) What is the essence of household life? (1)
- 3) Paraphrase ätma-pätam grham andha-küpam.(1)
- 4) According to Srila Visvanätha Cakravarti Thäkura, what are the two kinds of impediments to devotional service? (5)
- 5) How did Priyavrata respond to the request of Sväyambhuva Manu? (6)
- 6) Describe a liberated devotee's attitude toward engagement in worldly affairs. (6)
- 7) Why are great demigods like Lord Brahmä, Närada, or Lord Siva sometimes addressed as bhagavän? (7)
- 8) What is the meaning of krpä-siddhi? (10)
- 9) Explain Brahmä's purpose in personally going to Gandhamädana Hill. (10)
- 10) List reasons Brahmä gives to persuade Priyavrata to govern the universe. (11-19)
- 11) Explain Priyavrata's dilemma. (12)
- 12) What was Mahäräja Priyavrata entrusted with to rule? (22)
- 13) What general principle does Srila Prabhupäda draw from Priyavrata's unwillingness to accept the throne? (22)
- 14) List and briefly describe the four stages of sannyäsa. (27)
- 15) List Priyavrata's achievements as universal governor. (29-35)
- 16) How should the boundaries of various tracts of land be defined? (40)

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- 1) With respect to SB 5.1.24 highlight statements which reflect the mood and mission of Srila Prabhupada. Discuss the importance of implementing daiva-varnasrama within ISKCON. Also discuss some challenges in implementation and some practical remedies to overcome them.
- 2) List some significant learning points from Priyavrata's acceptance of the kingdom, his activities as a king and householder, and his subsequent renunciation of the kingdom. Discuss the relevance of at least two points in management of ISKCON.

CHAPTER 2

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- 1) Define dasyu-dharma. (1)
- 2) List some of the predictions for Kali-yuga. (1)
- 3) Explain how Mahārāja Priyavrata could have begotten a son who desired to be transferred to Pitrloka. (2)
- 4) Explain why Lord Brahmā is described as bhagavān ādi-purusah. (3)
- 5) How can Lord Brahmā understand the living entity's desire? (3)
- 6) Why is Lord Brahmā worshiped in marriage ceremonies? (15)
- 7) What is the Sanskrit name for one who is expert in the art of flattery? (17)

CHAPTER 3

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- 1) Compare King Nabhi and King Agnidhra's respective methods to attain their desired goal. (Chapters 2 and 3)
- 2) List the way to obtain the mercy of the Lord in the performance of a sacrifice. (2)
- 3) Explain the main philosophical point of verses 4-7.
- 4) Gorgeous arrangements for the Lord are for what purpose? (8)
- 5) Why were the priests of King Nābhi a little ashamed? (13)
- 6) Explain the meaning of brāhmana-bhojana. (17)
- 7) What is the meaning of sapatniko dharmam ācaret? (19)

CHAPTER 4

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- 1) List some of the qualities of Rsabhadeva. (1-2,14)
- 2) Explain the meaning of the name Rsabha. (2)
- 3) Explain the role of yogamāyā in the dealings between Nābhi and Rsabhadeva. (4)

- 4) What was the qualification of the brähmaëas engaged as priests in the sacrificial ceremony of King Nābhi? (7)
- 5) Why did Rsabhadeva take His education in the gurukula? (8)
- 6) Explain the significance of the names Bhārata-varsa and punya-bhūmi. (9)
- 7) Explain the significance of Rsabhadeva's 100 sons' accepting different occupations. (13)
- 8) Explain why a ritual should be performed by young men. (17)

CHAPTER 5

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- 1) Compare the austerities of materialists and spiritualists. (1)
- 2) Describe the qualities of mahātmās. (2)
- 3) Name the two kinds of materialists. (2)
- 4) Describe the way of life for a spiritually-minded householder. (3)
- 5) Why is the living entity put into the material condition? (4)
- 6) Explain the term karmātmaka. (5)
- 7) Explain hrdaya-granthi and how it can be slackened. (8, 9)
- 8) Sex with one's wife according to scriptural injunctions is considered what? (10-13)
- 9) What is the sum and substance of verses 10-13?
- 10) How does a living entity become desireless? (10-13)
- 11) Explain anena yogena yathopadesam. (14)
- 12) What should one do if a disciple, son, or citizen is unable to follow his order? (15)
- 13) Explain nasta-drstih. (16)
- 14) Why is one supposed to give everything to the Lord? (18)
- 15) Give examples of great personalities who rejected their superiors. (18)
- 16) Why is the spiritual world called absolute? (19)
- 17) For whom are Lord Rsabhadeva's instructions particularly meant? (28)
- 18) Explain the meaning of the word avadhūta. (29)

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- 1) From Chapter 5, verses 1-27, select a major verse from Lord Āñabhadeva's teachings, identify two principles contained in the verse, and describe how you would persuade a student of those principles.

CHAPTER 6

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Why did Lord Rsabhadeva refuse to manifest mystic perfections? (Intro, 2-6, 15)
- 2) What is the first business of one trying to advance in spiritual life? (3)
- 3) What did Lord Rsabhadeva adopt the behaviour of an avadhūta? (6)
- 4) What effect did Lord Rsabhadeva presence have on animals burnt in the forest fire? (8)
- 5) Describe the activities of King Arhat and his followers. (9-12)
- 6) Where does the hippie philosophy originate from? (10)
- 7) Why are the people of Bhārata-varsa so glorious? (13)
- 8) In which dynasties did Krsna, Rāmacandra, and Rsabhadeva appear? (14)
- 9) For a devotee why is mukti not a very great achievement? (17)
- 10) What does the Lord not very easily give? (18)
- 11) What general principle does Srila Prabhupāda draw from Lord Krsna's being more inclined to the Kuru dynasty than the Yadu dynasty? (18)

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- 1) With reference to chap 6 verses 9-11, identify 2 non vedic dharmas that have arisen in kali yuga. Explain how these 2 paths have their origin in the activities of Lord Rsabhadeva

CHAPTER 7

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) What is the duty of the government regarding the ruling of citizens? (4)

- 2) What are the five acts forbidden in Kali-yuga? (5)
- 3) Up to what point should one carry out his prescribed duties? (6)
- 4) Since King Bharata was a great devotee, why did he perform Vedic sacrifices? (6)
- 5) Why should we offer respects to Durgä, Siva, Brahmä, Agni and Sürya? (6)
- 6) Define apürva. (6)
- 7) Who is the predominating deity of the sun? (13,14)

CHAPTER 8

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Why did the pregnant deer have a miscarriage? (5)
- 2) What do we learn from studying the activities of Mahäräja Bharata? (7)
- 3) Describe how a devotee should show his compassion? (7)
- 4) Why is it impossible to improve people's material condition? (10)
- 5) How can a devotee avoid being victimized by material activities? (13)
- 6) Explain the phrase ätmavan manyate jagat. (16)
- 7) List the symptoms of Mahäräja Bharata's being affected by moha. (20)
- 8) Identify one of the signs of the king's downfall. (21)
- 9) What happens to a person who becomes overly involved in loving affairs? (23)
- 10) When does a devotee become affected by his past misconduct? (26)
- 11) Describe the result for devotees who purposely commit sins in Vrndävana. (26)
- 12) Why did Mahäräja Bharata receive a special benediction in his next body? (27)
- 13) Describe the result when a devotee is punished by the Lord. (29)
- 14) What does Krsna teach us by His own actions and by His devotees' actions? (29)
- 15) When does a devotee have to be punished? (31)

CHAPTER 9

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Explain karma-bandha. (3)
- 2) Why was Jada Bharata not interested in executing the regulative principles? (4)
- 3) Why did Jada Bharata behave like a fool before his father? (5)
- 4) For whom are the Vedic principles not important? (6)
- 5) What is the only difference between degraded men and animals? (9-10)
- 6) Describe some of the characteristics of Jada Bharata. (9-10)
- 7) What are the qualifications for eternal life? (11)
- 8) Who do low-class persons worship? (12)
- 9) Explain the significance of the word sva-vidhinā in verse 15.
- 10) Explain why the sāstras give some concessions regarding sinful activities. (15)
- 11) List times when killing is sanctioned according to Vedic regulations. (17)
- 12) What type of person offers a human as a sacrifice before goddess Kāli? (17)
- 13) Describe the relationship between Kāli and her devotees. (18)
- 14) List some of the characteristics of a pure devotee. (20)

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- 1) Draw two principles from the incident of goddess Kāli's killing her worshipers and discuss their relevance for preaching. Give reference to 9.11-20 verses and purports in your response.

CHAPTER 10

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- 1) Why is a Vaishnava careful not to untimely or unnecessarily kill any life form? (2)
- 2) List four ways a king can interact with his subordinates? (3)
- 3) Why was Jada Bharata unaffected by the sarcastic words of the king? (6)
- 4) What is the practice of austerity and penance meant for? (9)
- 5) List some of the transformations of the material covering noted by Jada Bharata. (10)
- 6) What is the basic principle of suffering in material existence? (11)

- 7) What are the consequences of having no self-realization and knowledge? (11)
- 8) Describe the factors that determine what type of body we get next. (12)
- 9) How does a devotee deal with reverses? (14)
- 10) Describe some of the characteristics of the Vedic kings. (15)
- 11) Explain the term sukla. (16)
- 12) Describe the soul's connection with matter. (21)
- 13) How do we counteract offenses to devotees? (24)

CHAPTER 11

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) What does akovidah kovida-vāda-vādān mean? (1)
- 2) Describe some characteristics of a veda-vādi. (2)
- 3) What prevents a person from understanding the platform of the Absolute Truth? (3)
- 4) Explain why both pious and impious activities are opposed to devotional service. (4)
- 5) Explain the role of the mind in material life. (5)
- 6) What is the real purpose of the yogic process? (6)
- 7) Explain the term para-avara. (7)
- 8) How does the example of the lamp explain the role of the mind? (8)
- 9) What activities constitute the field of activities for the mind? (9)
- 10) How do the different inclinations of the living entity develop? (11)
- 11) How can the nitya-baddha become liberated? (12)
- 12) From where exactly does the brahmajyoti manifest? (13)
- 13) What is human life meant for? (15)
- 14) List three ways to control the mind. (17)

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- 1) Select two principles from Jada Bharata's teachings to King Rahüguna and discuss how they are particularly relevant for your own personal application. Give reference to Chapters 11 and 12, verses and purports, in your response.

CHAPTER 12

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Why does the king call Jada Bharata kārana-vigrahāya? (1)
- 2) List three elements required for approaching a spiritual master. (3)
- 3) What is the symptom of one perfectly situated in knowledge? (5-6)
- 4) Describe what faults can be seen in an unqualified leader. (7)
- 5) What consequences manifest when leaders do not follow proper principles? (7)
- 6) Explain the difference between partial knowledge and perfect knowledge. (8)
- 7) Summarize the point in the last paragraph of the purport to text 10.
- 8) Explain the phrase vinā mahat-pāda-rajo-'bhiñekam. (12)
- 9) Explain grāmya-vārtā nā kahibe. (13)
- 10) What was the cause of Mahārāja Bharata's falling down? (14)
- 11) What positive and negative recommendations are given in text 16?

CHAPTER 13

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) List the three fruits of activities under the spell of material nature? (1)
- 2) List what the following are compared to:
 - a) Wild forest animals. (2)
 - b) Biting mosquitoes. (3)
 - c) The dust of a whirlwind. (4)
 - d) Jumping into a shallow river. (6)
 - e) Sleeping. (9)
- 3) Why are astrological calculations called jyoti-sastra? (4)
- 4) List what the following represent:
 - a) Invisible crickets.
 - b) Owls.
 - c) Trees with no flowers or fruits. (5)

- 5) Explain the term gandharva-pura. (7)
- 6) How does envy come about? (11)
- 7) Describe two ways that the living entities are cheated. (16)
- 8) List what the following represent:
 - a) The she-ass.
 - b) Falling into a mountain cave.
 - c) The elephant at the back of the cave. (18)
- 9) Name the two basic principles of material attachment. (21)
- 10) List the three things King Rahugana overcame by Jaḍa Bharata's mercy. (22)

CHAPTER 14

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) List some of the ways Srila Prabhupāda compares modern cities to the forest. (1)
- 2) What is the process for acquiring a comfortable position in the material world? (2)
- 3) Explain the two ways a materialistic wife drains her husband's blood. (3)
- 4) How is the material world like a mirage in the desert? (6)
- 5) Why was Kali happy simply to be allowed to stay where there was gold? (7)
- 6) List some of the qualities of a real guru mentioned in verse 13.
- 7) Why is government referred to as rāja-kula-rāksasā? (16)
- 8) Describe a miser. (22)
- 9) Why is the goddess of fortune called Candalā? (24)
- 10) Why are scientists, philosophers, economists, and others called narādhamaḥ ? (27)
- 11) What does the term grāmya-karmana mean? (31)
- 12) How can the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement avoid internal dissension? (35)
- 13) Explain how wise kings, despite their power, could not attain the loving service of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. (40)

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- 1) Identify three statements from Chapter 13 and 14's verses and purports that seem to contradict popular contemporary thought, values, and opinions. Explain how you would present these to an audience of non-devotees in a tactful way without compromising our principles and values.

CHAPTER 15

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- 1) Explain the distinguishing characteristic between the Äryan and the ärya-samāja. (1)
- 2) Describe why the world is in a chaotic and distressful condition. (7)
- 3) Explain why monarchy is abolished in Kali-yuga. (7)
- 4) Explain the import of the term “nara-deva” and who it refers to. (7)

CHAPTER 16

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Explain the position from which one can understand the Supreme Personality of Godhead. (3)
- 2) Describe the real source of human prosperity and also what is currently accepted as the source of it. (24)
- 3) Explain what people must do if they wish to attain happiness in this life. (25)

CHAPTER 17

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Explain who is described as “vira-vrata” and explain what the term means. (2)
- 2) List and describe the two primary groups of transcendentalists. (3)
- 3) List and describe the six kinds of auspicious qualifications that Brähmanas are supposed to acquire. (11)
- 4) Describe the qualification of a bona fide guru. (11)
- 5) Explain who is referred to as “tämasi” and why. Also address why this seems strange. (16)
- 6) Define and explain the term “dhira”. (20)

CHAPTER 18

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Describe the aim of human life. (2)

- 2) Explain the meaning of the term “brahma-saukhya”. (2)
- 3) Explain why the Lord permits sinful activities. (3)
- 4) Describe why Vedic knowledge disappears. (6)
- 5) Explain the meaning of the term “avitatha-ihitāya”. (6)
- 6) Describe how a typical Vaishnava prays. (9)
- 7) Explain the determining factor of how quickly one advances in Kṛṣṇa consciousness according to Prahāda Mahārāja. (10)
- 8) According to Śrīla Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavīrāja, describe how one can distinguish between a Vaishnava and a non-Vaishnava. (12)
- 9) Explain where the power to preach successfully comes from. (22)
- 10) Describe the Supreme Lord’s reason for creating this material world. (38)

CHAPTER 19

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- 1) Describe how engaging in bhakti-yoga and studying the sāstras can be considered a waste of time. (14)
- 2) Explain the perfection of yoga. (15)
- 3) Describe when a living entity becomes established in spiritual life. (20)

CHAPTER 20

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- 1) Explain the meaning of the term “dṛg-īśvara”. (46)

CHAPTER 21

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CHAPTER 22

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- 1) List and explain the four names of the moon given in text ten. (22.10)

CHAPTER 23

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Explain why material scientists develop theories about the movements of the planets. (23.3)

CHAPTER 24

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Describe what causes solar and lunar eclipses. (3)
- 2) Explain the two kinds of opulence and what they are used for. (22)
- 3) Describe the source of the advanced Vaishnavas humility. (26)

CHAPTER 25

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- 1) Describe why Lord Sankarsana is sometimes called tãmasé. (1)
- 2) Explain why Lord Sankarsana becomes angry. (3)
- 3) Describe how one can become purified by the contamination of lust and greed. (8)

CHAPTER 26

Closed Book Short Answer Questions

- 1) Explain the meaning of human life. (23)
- 2) List the six factors that are used to determine ones level of elevation. (30)
- 3) Explain why people become proud. (36)
- 4) Describe the purpose of this material world. (37)
- 5) Explain why one should hear about the virät form of the Lord. (38)