

Om Shri Param Krupalu Devay Namah

Kathopanishad
Shibir - 2
Adhyay-1 First Valli Shloks 20-29

WORKSHEET

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(I) Choose the correct answer.

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- is permanent.
(a) Fruit of self-realisation (b) Fruit of meritorious karma
(c) Lifespan of celestial beings (d) Material happiness
- is necessary to internalise the knowledge of the soul.
(a) Only listening (b) A long lifespan (c) A purified mind (d) Plain curiosity
- Wealth can give
(a) happiness (b) comforts (c) satisfaction (d) self-realisation
- The last shlok of this valli is spoken by
(a) Narrator (b) Nachiketa (c) Yam (d) Vaaishnavas
- are the rarest.
(a) Expounders of fundamentals (b) Those who understand the fundamentals
(c) Those who accept the fundamentals (d) Those who improve themselves

(II) Match the examples given below with their paramarth.

Marks: 5

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| 1. Dang forest - road | a. If we cultivate connection with the self, we will pass through death fearlessly. |
| 2. Portrait of a youth - hair, eyes, wings | b. An ordinary soul falls prey to temptations because of desires. |
| 3. Mirror - stone - reflection | c. This life is an opportunity to attain self-realisation. |
| 4. Snake - skin | d. Desires are infinite like the sky. |
| 5. Pot - checking by tapping | e. Clarity of what one wants in life brings with it power and speed towards it. |
| 6. Head of monastery - 10 disciples | f. Use this life not for fulfilment of desires, but for spiritual welfare. |
| 7. Alexander - fakir - skull | g. The Guru tests the disciple before giving him knowledge regarding the soul. |
| 8. Merchant - death in 7 days | h. One needs to practise regularly in order to know the self and abide in it. |
| 9. Violin - takes time | i. That which rises will set, that which is born will die. |
| 10. Buddha - Gautami - attachment of son | j. Worthiness and not just curiosity is required for teachings regarding the soul. |

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(III) Answer in one or two words.**Marks: 5**

1. Instead of seeing sadhus as renunciates (tyagi), what should we see them as?
2. Man minus desires =
3. If one equates jeevatma to a computer, which part of the antahkaran is like the password?
4. After experimenting on bulls, which Spanish behaviourist concluded that the soul is not necessary to produce the desired behaviour by the body, mind etc.?
5. Write any two of the four qualities constituting the sadhan chatustay (four means of spiritual practice) seen in Nachiketa in a great amount.

(IV) Write true or false. Give reason if false.**Marks: 5**

1. Even though one can see death and beyond death, contrary conclusions are seen in Indian philosophers regarding what happens after death.
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2. Birth is not my beginning and death is not my end.
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3. Wealth and worldly pleasures can give something that has a beginning but no end.
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4. Nachiketa's responses were induced by his detachment borne out of grief, and not by negativity.
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5. When Nachiketa didn't show any excitement for the pleasures of this mortal world, Yamraj tempted him with transcendental spiritual joy.
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(V) Answer in one sentence.**Marks: 10**

1. Which 4 CCs did Pujya Gurudevshri show as a summary of shloks 1 to 19?
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2. Why should we not assign the size and limit of a problem to the mind?
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3. What was Yamraj's purpose behind telling Nachiketa to ask for some boon other than the knowledge of the soul?
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4. There is rebirth – how did unworthy souls misuse this statement?
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5. According to Kierkegaard, when does one's focus and purity increase?
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6. Which are the three main desires that obstruct one on the spiritual path?
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7. How do the sensual pleasures harm the senses?
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8. Why do children like Spiderman?
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9. Show the quality indicated by Nachiketa's name by breaking down its letters.

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10. What did not happen in the ocean of Nachiketa's soul upon hearing the temptations offered by Yamraj?

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(VI) Answer in brief.

Marks: 10

1. Driver seat - back seat. Write the example in brief and explain the state of the Enlightened One.

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2. Studio - three types of photographs. Write the example in brief and explain its parmarth.

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3. a) From what can we infer that Nachiketa believed in the existence of the soul and in life after death?

b) What was his deeper purpose behind asking about what happens after death?

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4. Betel leaf - chuno (lime) - katho. Write the example in brief and explain the Charvak philosophy's opinion regarding the creation and destruction of the soul.

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5. Microsoft - Bill Gates - computer. Write the example in brief and explain its parmarth.

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(VII) Write in short, the responses given by Nachiketa to the following statements by Yam.

Marks: 10

1. The subject is very subtle, it is not easy to understand.

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2. On this point even the celestial beings have doubts and aspire to know about it.

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3. Live as many autumns (years) as you like.

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4. Ask me to grant you wealth.

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5. These celestial maidens with their chariots and musical instruments – such pleasures are not available to humans. I will give them to you.

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