

Om Shri Param Krupalu Devay Namah  
Kathopanishad – Shibir 1  
Adhyay-1 First Valli Shlokas 1-19

**Model Answer Paper**

**Marks: 50**

While checking the paper, follow the points in the Model Answer Paper. Multiple options have been given to make it easy to check. Marks can be given if any of the options is written, or if its essence is captured in the answer.

**(I) Choose the correct answer.**

**Marks: 5**

Give 1 mark for each correct answer.

1. (a) spirituality
2. (c) 120
3. (b) Medium
4. (b) his father
5. (c) something of other world

**(II) Pujya Gurudevshri threw light on various virtues of Nachiketa during this shibir. Match these points with the virtues they demonstrate.**

**Marks: 5**

Give 1 mark for each correct answer.

- 1) c    2) a    3) e    4) b    5) d

**(III) Answer in one or two words.**

**Marks: 5**

Give 1 mark for each correct answer.

1. Bhagavad Gita - ½ mark  
Brahmasutra - ½ mark
2. Yajurveda
3. Swami Vivekanand
4. Anekant / Anekantvada / Multiplicity of viewpoints / Non-absolutism
5. Bonus

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

**Marks: 5**

Give 1 mark for each correct answer.

If False is written, but the reason is not written or an incorrect reason is written – give 0 marks.

For True, no reason is expected.

1. False. Kath Rishi was the expounder and not the composer of Kathopanishad./ Vyasji had composed it.
2. False. It is only a legend / story. / It is not a historical event.
3. True.
4. False. He was not worst at anything.
5. True.

**(V) Write the meanings of the words given below.****Marks: 5**

Give 1 mark for each correct answer.

1. Near / in proximity / in front of the Sadguru / in His visual range/ from His mouth, body, eyes, aura
2. 1) Visharan / destruction / annihilation / destruction of ignorance / annihilation of the seed of suffering / destruction of sins / destruction of darshanmoh  
2) Gati / movement / prapti / attainment/ moving towards brahmabhaav / reaching the ultimate goal / means of self-realisation  
3) Avsadan / weaken / loosening of desires or karmic bondage which slows down spiritual progress / destruction of charitramoh

Give 1 mark if any one of the above answers is written.

3. Joyless world / world devoid of happiness / hell
4. Guest / comes without informing / without date / just drops in / just shows up
5. 7-10 years old/ not yet reached puberty / incapable of reproduction

**(VI) Answer in one or two sentences.****Marks: 10**

Give 1 mark for each correct answer.

1. Ish, Ken, Prashna, Mundak, Mandukya, Taittiriya, Aitareya, Chhandogya, Bruhadaranyak (Shvetashvatar)

Give ½ mark if one, two or three of these are written and 1 mark if four are written.

2. To create a good study atmosphere to grasp profound knowledge / for unhindered completion of the study / for attaining the Lord's grace / to calm the mind / to become free from doubts, pain, intense desires to gain higher knowledge / the ego melts with remembrance of the Lord / Guru

3. a) Satyameva / Truth b) Punyameva / Meritorious Karma c) Krupameva / Grace

Give ½ mark if one or two of these are correct and 1 mark if all three are correct.

4. The Guru's love and compassion are hidden inside His harsh words. / Even when the Guru does takor, His intention is that the disciple grows, prospers.

5. For attaining heaven.

- ½ mark

One was required to donate everything he owned at the culmination of that yajna.

- ½ mark

6. 1) Pitodaka / had drunk water for last time / almost dead / not capable of walking  
2) Jagdhatruna / could not munch food because of lack of teeth / eaten for the last time  
3) Dugdhadoha / had yielded all their milk / couldn't give milk anymore  
4) Nirindriya / barren / lost capacity to reproduce / unable to conceive / couldn't give birth to cow or ox

Give ½ mark if any one of these is written and 1 mark if two are written.

7. He saved the good cows for Nachiketa, gave away the rest in charity. The loophole he used was that Nachiketa is not mine, hence I do not need to donate his cows. I have already donated what was mine.

8. He said that I give you unto death / Yam.

9. Don't lament my separation because I will be reborn. / Death is not the end of my existence, so do not worry.

10. Fire can give light and burn you too

- ½ mark

Similarly, a brahmin if pleased can give you blessings but can also curse you when angry.

- ½ mark

**(VII) Answer in brief.****Marks: 10**

1. Example - Medical knowledge is not considered knowledge in the field of engineering and vice-versa. Understanding of topics related to that field only is considered knowledge of the field. - 1 mark

Parmarth - Worldly knowledge is not considered knowledge in the spiritual world. Only experiential knowledge of the self, knowledge related to the self, or knowledge of the world that helps in inner purity is considered as knowledge in the spiritual world. - 1 mark

2. Example - Despite being capable of walking on his feet, a father crawls on his knees along with his kid to help the kid learn how to walk. - 1 mark

Parmarth - The Guru has attained self-realisation and completed his journey, yet He is ready to go through the whole journey of scriptural studies with us just to increase our enthusiasm, inclination for knowledge, so that we can attain self-realisation through it. Such is His love and compassion for us!

- 1 mark

3. Example - Russia had captured a Japanese fort which was surrounded by a moat full of crocodiles. The Japanese soldiers jumped into the moat without caring for their lives so that other soldiers could enter the fort and capture it again. - 1 mark

Parmarth - There is a willingness to sacrifice oneself in selfless love. / Nachiketa had selfless love for his father due to which he was willing to sacrifice himself for him. - 1 mark

4. Example - When king Dashrath accidentally killed Shravan, Shravan's parents gave him a curse that you too shall die pining in separation of your son. Dashrath took this bane as a blessing, as he didn't have any sons at that time. - 1 mark

Parmarth - A seeker can see the gift in any situation, takes it positively, progresses spiritually and becomes steadfast in dharma. - 1 mark

5. 1) Hopes lost / Hope of unknown fruits will be destroyed. / No hope of anything good.

2) Expectations unfulfilled / Expectation for known fruits will be futile. / Fruits of heaven, material wealth, relationships etc. will be destroyed.

3) Fruits of company of good men will be lost. / Karmic merits of doing satsang will be lost, values will be lost.

4) Merits of sweet talks will be destroyed. / Goodness, happiness, harmony, prestige that comes from power of speech will be destroyed. / Status achieved by talking sweetly will be lost.

5) Beneficial results of charitable deeds will be destroyed. / Fruits of good deeds done at personal or social level will be destroyed. / Fruits of sacrifices and rituals, charity etc. will be lost. / Karmic merits of seva will be destroyed.

6) Wealth will be lost. / Son, animals that were considered wealth in ancient times - all will be lost.

Give ½ mark if any one of these is written, 1 mark if two are written, 1½ marks if three are written and 2 marks if four are written.

**(VIII) Let us understand the words of Shantipaath.****Marks: 5**

Give 1 mark for each correct answer.

- Avatu

From physical disease / mental blockage (lack of faith, focus etc.), situational crises / obstacles / ego / indolence

- Bhunaktu

1) May we be nourished by knowledge of attaining self. / May there be satiation of completeness. / Palan - poshan - ½ mark

2) May we enjoy the fruits of study and the study itself. / Manie - bhogavie - ½ mark

- Tejasvi

Knowledge is present when needed. / May it hit the target, may it be accomplished. / May it be goal oriented. / May it result in self-realisation. / May it help in attaining the bliss of the self by becoming contemplative, meditative. / May the knowledge be free of doubts and filled with faith. / May it remain safe, free of imperfection, pure.

- Maa Vidvishavahai

1) If the disciple is immature when the Guru reprimands him for his indolence.

2) If the disciple lacks respect for the Guru, and the Guru's commands are different than the wishes of the self-willed disciple.

3) If the disciple is arrogant, then due to a competitive feeling with the Guru.

4) When the Guru keeps the worthy disciple close to him, the unworthy disciple might feel that He is partial.

5) The disciple can harbour doubts, suspicion due to his unworthiness.

Give ½ mark if any one of these is written, and 1 mark if two are written.

- Shanti Shanti Shanti

Adhidaivik-adhibhautik-adhyatmik / of mind-speech-body / related to body-mind-wealth / mental-physical-circumstantial

Give ½ mark if any one or two are written from any of the triplets, and 1 mark if three are written.

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