

KRISHNA SEVAKA

In addition to fulfilling the above mentioned commitments of Shraddhavan, I will fulfill the following additional standards of devotional service and shall receive the blessings of Sri Sri Gandharvika Giridhari Sriman Mahaprabhu & Sri Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Deva to practice Krishna Consciousness as a Krishna Sevaka:

1. I will chant at least four rounds of the Hare Krishna mahamantra every day.
2. I will refrain from eating non-vegetarian food (meat, fish and eggs) and try to lead a moral life.
3. I will be dedicated to personal improvement in devotional practice and purity, by gradually applying the teachings of Srila Prabhupada under the guidance of his representatives.
4. I will accept that Lord Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead.
5. I will engage in practical devotional service to Lord Krishna, at the ISKCON temple during festivals such as Sri Krishna Janmashtami, Ratha-Yatra, etc.,

Books to Read:

1. Beyond Birth & Death
2. Science of Self Realization chapter 1
3. Bhagavad Gita As It Is Introduction & Chapter 1
4. Sikshastaka

Hearing:

Hearing is very important aspect of devotional service. In this module you are expected to hear lectures given by Srila Prabhupada on Chapter 1 of Bhagavad Gita As It. Click [here](#) to hear the lectures.

Questions:

1. How often do you come to the temple in a month?
2. For how many days/ weeks/ months/ years are you visiting ISKCON?
3. How many Sunday programmes do you attend every month?
4. How many rounds of Hare Krishna Maha mantra do you chant every day?
5. How long does it take to chant your rounds?
6. When do you chant most of your rounds?
7. Where do you chant most of your rounds?
8. List all the books of Srila Prabhupada that you have read and indicate against each book whether you have read fully or partially.
9. Do you accept Krishna is the supreme personality of godhead?
Yes / No.
10. Why do you accept Krishna is the supreme personality of godhead?
11. What is the position of Devas? Name a few.
12. Are you willing to do devotional service in ISKCON on special days and Sundays?
13. Are you a vegetarian (tick the correct alternative)
 - a) Yes all my life
 - b) Yes for the past years/months/days
 - c) No

14. Write the meaning of the first 2 prayers of Sri Sikshastaka?

Please read the first chapter of the Book Beyond Birth and Death and answer the following questions.

1. What is the very first step in self-realization?
2. What is the argument Srila Prabhupada gives to say it is incorrect to deny the soul simply because we cannot perceive it by our gross senses? What is the alternate method that Srila Prabhupada recommends by which we can perceive the soul?
3. What is the common purpose of the Vedas the old and New Testament and the Koran? And what is the common method recommended in all of them?
4. What is the simple process recommended by Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu to establish oneself on the spiritual platform above the three modes of material nature?
5. What is the process for understanding god and his kingdom; explain in your own words the example Srila Prabhupada gives.
6. Can we see god by our own endeavor? What is the correct process?
7. When we place our faith in something. What is it that we should carefully look for?

Science of Self Realization: Chapter One

1. Is Krishna Consciousness open to all?
2. Why is a man given a better chance to live than swine or other animals?
3. Is Krishna Consciousness a belief or science? Explain in a few sentences.
4. What is 'Athato brahma jijnasa'?
5. What is spiritual death? And how does Krishna Consciousness movement save human society from this?
6. What point does the example first-class AC coach of the train signify?

Bhagavad Gita As It Is: Introduction & Chapter 1

1. Why is Srila Prabhupada's edition of Bhagavad-Gita called "Bhagavad-Gita As It Is"?
2. What are the five subject matters of Bhagavad-Gita? Describe briefly about each of them.
3. What is the basic cause of Arjuna's illusion?
4. List any three reasons Arjuna gives in this section for not fighting.
5. What is the meaning of "Varna Sankara"?
6. What is the relation between family elders, womenfolk, family traditions, and the maintenance of a good society?