

39th VSNA CONVENTION

Quiz on Lingayata Philosophy (June 29-30, 2018)

(Jeopardy Style Quiz for Youth)

A. Ankitanama (pen name / signature line):

Give pen name for these sharanas

1. Akka Mahadevi: Chennamallikarjuna
2. Allamaprabhu: Guheshwara or Guheshwaralinga
3. Ambigara Choudayya: Ambigara Choudayya
4. Basaveshwara: Koodalasangamadeva
5. Chennabasavanna: Koodalachennasangayya
6. Gangambike: Gangapriya koodalasanga
7. Jedara Dasimayya: Ramanatha
8. Siddharameshwara: Kapila Siddhamallikarjuna
9. Shanmukha Shivayogigalu: AkhanDeshwara
10. Bonta Devi : Bidadi

B. What is the pen name (or writer of a vachana) in the vachana?

1. dayavillada dharma vadEvudayya
dayavE bEku sakala prANigaLellaralli
dayavE dharmada mUlavayya !
?.....naMtalladollanayya

[Answer: kUDala saMgamadevayya or Basavanna]

2. Vachanadalli namâmrîta tumbi
Nayanadalli nimma mûruti tumbi
Kiviyalli nimma kîruti tumbi
Manadalli nimma nenahu tumbi
?..... nimma charana kamaladalli ânu tumbi

[Answer: kUDala saMgamadevayya or Basavanna]

3. kaLabEDa kolabEDa,
husiya nuDiyalu bEDa,
muniya bEDa,
anyarige asahyapaDabEDa.
tanna baNNisabEDa,
idira haLiyalu bEDa.
idE aMtaraMgaSuddhi!
idE bahiraMgaSuddhi!
ide namma ?.....nolisuva pari.

[Answer: kUDalasaMgana or Basavanna]

4. nadeshuchi, nudishuchi, tanushuchi, manashuchi, bhávasuchu
inti panca teerthaMþgaóLanoóakoMndu martyadalli ninda
nimma sharaNara tOri ennanuLuhikoóLLaá

[Answer: chenna-mallikárjuná or Akkamahadevi]

5. ettaNa mámara ettaNa kOgile, ettaNindetta sambandhavayyA?
beTTada meLaNa nelli kAYi samudradoLagaNa uppu, ettaNindetta sambandhavayyA?
.....??..... namageyU ettaNindetta sambandhavayyA.

[Answer: guhEshwara lingakkeyU or Who is Allama Prabhu?]

6. tande ninu, tayi ninu, bandhu ninu, balaga ninu
ni nallade mattaru illavayya
..... halalladdu, niralladdu.

[Answer: kUDalasangama deva or Basavanna]

7. naDeyoLage nuDitumbi,
nuDiyoloLage naDetumbi,
naDenuDi eraDu pariNámadalli tumbi,
liMgava koDaballátanE sharaNa

[Answer: akhaMDEshwarA or Shanmukha Swami]

C. Give the opening Vachana lines based on the meaning :

1. If you should speak, your words should be pearls that are strung upon a thread. If you should speak, your words should be like luster by the ruby shed. If you should speak, your words should be a crystal's flash that cleaves the blue. If you should speak, great God must say Ay, ay, that's very true! However, if your deed betrays your word, can ...God... care for you?

Answer: nuDidare muttina hAradaMtirabEku!
nuDidare mANikyada dlptiyaMtirabEku!
nuDidare sPaTikada SalAkeyaMtirabEku!
nuDidare liMga mecci ahudenabEku ?
nuDiyolagAgi naDeyadiddare
kUDalasaMgamadEvaneMtolivanayya ?

2. Do not Steal, Do not kill, Do not speak a Lie, Do not be Angry with any one
Do not feel Disgust for others, Do not Do not glorify yourself, Do not Humiliate any one (Do not blame anyone, This is your Inward Purity, This is your outward Purity
This is the way to win the Lord

[Answer: kaLabEDa kolabEDa,
husiya nuDiyalu bEDa,
muniya bEDa,
anyarige asahyapaDabEDa.
tanna baNNisabEDa,
idira haLiyalu bEDa.
idE aMtaraMgaSuddhi!
idE bahiraMgaSuddhi!
ide namma kUDalasaMgananolisuva pari.

3. Like the lotus brings grace to the ponds, billows/waves decorate the sea, the moon charms the sky, virtue beautifies a woman, the vibhuthi (ashmark) adorns the foreheads of sharanas or devotees of our Lord ?.....

Answer : neeringe naidileyā shrungAra,
samudrakke tereyā shrungAra,
nārige guNavā shrungAra,
gaganakke chandramanā shrungAra,
namma kOdala-sangana sharNarige
nosala vibhītiyā shrungAra.

4. The vachana which explains vast presence of the divinity as; the width of the world, the width of the sky, still greater width is your width. Below the nether world are your holy feet beyond the universe is your holy crown. Oh impenetrable, invisible, incomparable linga, oh lord?, you appeared so tiny in the hollow of my palm

Answer : Jagadagala, mugilagala, mige agala, Nimmagala

patala dindatta nimma sri charaNa

Brhamanda dinda attatta nimma shri mukuTa

agamyA, agochara, apratime lingave

kudala sangama devayya

yenna karasthallakke bandu chulukadirayya

5. Make me an ordinary parrot, in this wordly forest and take care of me
make me utter Shiva - Shiva, put me in the cage of devotion and nurish me
.....?

Answer : nara vindhya dolagenna hulugiLiyamadi, sala hutta

Shiva - Shiva yendodisayya

Bhakti yemba panjara doLagikki salahu

kudala sangamadeva.

6. Why worry about others? Aren't they enough our own worries?

Whether? loves or not, is worry enough to spread across and cover myself

Answer : "para Chinte namageke ayya? namma chinte namage saalade

Kudalasangayya olidano Oliyano yemba chinte

haasalunTu, hodiyaunTu"

D. PLACES

1. Basavanna's birth place: Basavana Baagewadi
2. Anubhava goshti was conducted here; Kalyana
3. Basavanna attained lingaikya (heavenly abode) at this place; Koodalasangama
4. Akka Mahadevi attained lingaikya (heavenly abode) at this place: Sreeshaila
5. The 38th VSNA was held at this place (name the State): NJ

E. TITLE

1. In Karnataka, this Swamiji who is 109 years is fondly called 'walking God', 'naDadADuva daiva':
[Who is Sree Shivakumar Swamiji of Siddaganga mutt?]
2. We call him 'jagajyoti vishwa guru' or 'Bhakti bhandari':
[Who is Basaveshwara?]
3. He was the FIRST person to preside over Anubhava Mantapa (discussion forum in 12th century)
[Who is Allama Prabhu?]
4. She, at her tender age, traveled from Uduthadi to Kalyana to Shrishaila in search of her Lord and husband. She wandered alone in the forest, trying to see and realize her Lord.
[Who is Akka Mahadevi?]
5. He was the youngest among leading sharanas, the nephew of Basavanna and known as the King of shatsthala concept. He wrote vachanas under the penname "Kudala Chennasanga."
[Who is Chennabasavanna?]

F. Pillars of Lingayatism: (Rapid fire - Questions)

Name the following:

1. Ashtavarna :

Ashta means 'eight' and *Avarana* means 'covering'. Eight virtues that act as shields or coverings protecting the devotee from extraneous distractions. They also protect against attachment to worldly desires. They are

Guru (Teacher), Linga (Symbol of God), Jangama (wandering saint), Pādodaka (water from bathing the Linga), Prasāda (sacred offering), Vibhuti (holy ash), Rudrāksha (holy beads) and Mantra (Om Namah Sivaya).

Questions : What are Astavarna? Name them ? Meaning of each avarana?

2. Panchacharas :

The *Panchacharas* describe the five codes of conduct:

- Lingāchāra - daily worship of the Ishtalinga
- Sadāchāra - attention to vocation and duty.
- Sivāchāra - acknowledging Shiva as the one God and equality among all
- Bhrityāchāra - humility towards all creatures.
- Ganāchāra - defend the community and its tenets

Questions: what are Panchacharas ? Can you name them? What are their meaning

3. Shatsthala :

Shat means Six and Sthala means phases/states/paths through which a soul advances in its ultimate quest of realization of the Supreme that is Shoonya. They are:

- Bhaktasthala
- Maheshwar sthala
- Prasadisthala
- Praanalingi sthala
- Sharana sthala
- Aaikyasthala

4. Mantra:

Panchakhari Mantra : Pancha means five and Akchari means : syllable

Which is : Na Ma Shi Va Ya

Questions: What is Panchakhari?

What is Panchakhari mantra?

Shadakhari Mantra : Shada means Six and Akchari means : syllable

Which is : Om Na Ma Shi Va Ya

Questions: What is Shadakhari?

What is Shadakshari mantra?

6. What is Linga and why worship Linga? Explain in your own words

(Linga is visible symbol of invisible God)

7. Who wrote Vachanas? what are they... Explain in your own words

8. Relate the following:

- A wealthy man : Dhanavant
- Person with Good Character : GuNavanta
- Person with Good moral : Shilavanta
- Powerful man : Balawanta
- Person wearing Linga : Lingawanta

9. Anubhava Mantapa: The *Anubhava Mantapa* is an academy of mystics, saints and philosophers of the Lingayata faith. there are 700 members present in Anubhava mantap

Question: What is Anubhava mantap? How many members were there in the Anubhava mantapa

10. **Saguna and Nirguna :**

Saguna: Saguna means one who has Guna or characteristic manifestations, a way that leads to Saguna Upasane, accomplished by engaging our senses like eyes to watch Abhisheka, ears to hear Sthotra and **Mantra**, and chants them.

Nirguna : means one who has gone past all attributes. When a person follows the Ashtavarana for the body and Shatsthala for the mind (those gradually convert a person from Saguna to Nirguna) will lead self to rise and reach nirguna state. This way leads to Nirguna Upasane.

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