

## **GCE**

# **Biblical Hebrew**

Unit F191: Translation, Comprehension and Literature

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

Mark Scheme for June 2015

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Annotation	Meaning
_	Negative
1	Slash
?	Unclear
BOD	Benefit of doubt
λ	Caret sign to show omission
×	Cross
<b>↓</b>	Language better than mark implies
L	Good language
	Large dot (Key point attempted)
NBOD	Benefit of doubt not given
<b>✓</b>	Tick
1	Language not as good as mark implies

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Q	uestion	A	nswer	Marks	Guidance
1	а	They ask the Philistines why they	have come up against them.	1	
1	b	וַיּאמְרוּ לֶאֱסוֹר אֶת שִׁמְשׁוֹן עָלִינוּ לַעֲשׁוֹת לוֹ כַּאֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לֶנוּ:	They said, "We have come to tie up Samson / Shimshon to do to him as he did to us."	2	Accept "to take Samson / Shimshon prisoner"
		וַיֵּרְדוּ מְיהוּדָה סְעִיף סֶלַע עֵיטָם אָל סְעִיף סֶלַע עֵיטָם אָל	Three thousand men of Judah came down to the cave / cleft of the rock of Etam	2	1 mark of name 'Eitam' not recognised
		וַיֹּאמְרוּ לְשִׁמְשׁוֹן הֲלֹא יָדַעְתָּ כִּי □משָׁלִים בָּנוּ פְּלִשְׁתִּים	and said to Samson / Shimshon, "Don't you know that the Philistines rule over us?	2	
		וּמַה זֹאת עָשִׂיתָ לָּנוּ וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם	So what is this you are doing to us?"  He said / replied to them,	2	
		בַּאֲשֶׁר עָשוּ לִּי בֵּן עָשִׂיתִי לָנָהֶם: וַיּאמְרוּ לוֹ לֶאֱסָרְדָּ יָרַדְנוּ	"I did to them exactly as they did to me!"  They said to him, "We have come down to tie you up"	2	Accept "to take you prisoner"
		לְתָתְּךְ בְּיֵד פְּלִשְׁתִּים	in order to give you into the hand(s) / authority of the Philistines."	2	
		וַיֹּאמֶר לֶהֶם שִׁמְשׁוֹן :הַשָּׁבְעוּ לִי פֶּן בִּתְּפִּגְעוּן בִּי אַהָּם	Samson / Shimshon said to them, "Swear to me that you yourselves will not strike / harm me!"	2	

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		וַיּאמְרוּ לוֹ לֵאמֹר לֹא כִּי אָסֹר נָאֱסָרְדּ	They said to him as follows, "No! We will certainly tie you up / take you prisoner	2	1 mark for no emphasis
		וּנְתַנּוּךְ בְיָדָם וְהָמֵת לֹא נְמִיתֶךְ	and deliver you into their hands / authority but we will definitely not kill you!"	2	1 mark for no emphasis
		וַיַּאַסְרָהוּ בִּשְׁנַיִם עֲבֹתִים חֲדָשִׁים וַיַּעֲלוּהוּ מִן □הַסָּלַע:	So they tied him up with two new thick ropes and they brought him up from the rock.	2	Don't accept 'chains'
1	С	They came towards him shouting		1	Accept 'blowing trumpets'
1	d	Among others: The thick ropes on his arms were 'his bonds 'melted' off his hands (1). The thick ropes are compared to 'four the 'hand', i.e. power, of the Philist	) lax burned by fire' (1)	3	
1	е	בּלְחִי הַחֲמוֹר חֲמוֹר חֲמֹרָתִיִם 'With th up piles' (1) The word חֲמוֹר is used for both 'as	e jawbone of an ass I have heaped	2	Accept 'Pishtim / Pelishtim'
1	f	They seize him (1) They gouge out his eyes (1) They bind him in copper chains (1) They force him to work (grind whea		2	Any two points, one mark each  Don't accept 'they imprison him'

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1	g	וֹן הַמֹּרְתִּיִם lit. Two heaps (1)	lit. Two heaps (1)		
		lit. Two copper chains / on	e copper chain for each foot (1)		
1	h	ססס (1) niphal (1)		2	
1	i	He asks the L-rd to remember him once) (1) so that he can avenge him		2	Any point, one mark each, max. two
1	j	He grasps the two central / supporting two hands (1) and pushes with all hands house)	ng pillars (1) leans on them with his is strength (1) (bringing down the	3	No marks for 'bringing down the house'
1	k	Samson / Shimshon takes revenge Philistines (lines 4-5) (1)	for an earlier act committed by the	2	Any point, one mark each, max. two
		The Philistines claim they want to av committed by Samson / Shimshon (			
		Samson / Shimshon wants revenge have been put out by the Philistines	• • •		
			Question 1 Total:	40	

Q	uestion	Ar	iswer	Marks	Guidance
2	а	The priests (who are the descend tribe of Levi (1)	ants of Aaron) (1) who are from the	2	
2	b	The portions of the temple sacrific given to the priests (such as <i>terum</i>	ces (1) and the agricultural portions ah) (1)	2	
2	С	ְוְנַחֲלָה לֹא יִהְיֶה לֹוֹ בְּקֶרֶב אֶחָיו יי הוּא נַחֲלָתוֹ כַּאֲשֶׁר דְּבֶּר לוֹ: וְזֶה יִהְיֶה מִשְׁפַּט הַכּּהָנִים מֵאֵת הָעָם מֵאֵת זֹבְחֵי הַזֶּבַח אָם שׁוֹר אָם שֶׂה וְנָתַן לַכֹּהֵן הַזְּרֹעַ וְהַלְּחָיַיִם וְהַקֵּבָה:	He shall have no inheritance among his brothers; the L-rd will be his inheritance as He has spoken to him. This will be the priests' due from the people who slaughter animals whether ox or kid; one must give to the priest the forearm, the jaws and the maw / fourth stomach.	2	Accept 'lamb' or 'goat' for 'kid'. Accept 'cheeks' for 'jaws'.  Don't accept 'Judgment'
		ראשִׁית דְּגָנְךְ תִּירשְׁךְּ וְיִצְהָרֶךְ וְרֵאשִׁית גַּז צֹאנְךְ תִּפֶּל לוֹ: כִּי בּוֹ בָּחַר יי אֱ־לֹהֶיךְ מִכָּל שְׁבָטֶיךְ לַעֲמֹד לְשָׁרֵת בְּשֵׁם יי הוּא וּבָנָיו כָּל הַיָּמִים:	You will give him the first of your grain, wine and oil and the first of your shearing, because the L-rd your G-d chose him and all his descendants forever from all your tribes to stand and minister in the L-rd's Name.	2	
		וְכִי יָבֹא הַלֵּוִי מֵאַחַד שְׁעָרֶידְ מִכָּל	When the Levite comes from one of your cities / gates from all of Israel in which he lives, [or] he may come	2	

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			יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר הוּא גָּר שֶׁם וּבָא בְּכָל אַוַּת נַפְשׁוֹ אֶל	whenever he wants to the place the L-rd will choose. He will serve in the name of the L-rd, his G-d like all his Levite brothers who stand there		
			:הַפָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִבְחַר יי	before the L-rd.		
			וְשֵׁרֵת בְּשֵׁם יי אֱ־לֹהָיו כְּכָל			
			אֶחָיו הַלְוִיִּם הָעֹמְדִים שָׁם			
			:יִי			
2	d		On festivals, all <i>kohanim</i> / priests shared the parts of the sacrificial animals equally if those sacrifices pertained to the festival requirement.  (1) However the parts of non-festival sacrifices which were scheduled for that week and other voluntary offerings belong to the priests of the <i>mishmar</i> / rota duty of that week. (1) ( <i>Rashi</i> )		2	Must reference 'festivals'
2	е		Among others:		4	
			מעונן from root ענן 'cloud' (1) hence	e 'cloud gazers'( <i>lbn Ezra</i> ) (1)		
			עונה 'time' (1) hence wizards who (1)	are superstitious about certain times		R' Hirsch links מנחש to מנחש 'snake'. A מנחש
			מנחש from מנחש 'omens' (1) referring whether one should carry out a ce (1).	g to soothsayers who determine ertain action or not based on an event		achieves his end in a crooked way, like a snake crawling to reach its destination.
				מים (1) where the sorcerer wants nature en' to his enchantment (1) but in fact through כזב 'deception' (1). (R'		Allow any two points from each paragraph.
			חבר חבר from חבר 'join together' (1) animals together through magic (	hence animal charmer who gathers 1).		
			שאל אוב - a type of necromancy (co	ontacting the dead) (1) where the		

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			voice of the deceased emerges from the magician's armpit (1). (Sanhedrin 65b) one who consults [the dead] through Yideoni practice (1) using the		
			bone from a <i>yidoa-</i> animal/bird (1). This was placed in the magician's mouth (1) and the deceased's voice comes from the bone (1).		
2	f		Among others:	2	
			To teach that one should not seek to know the future (1) [like the aforementioned acts of sorcery and soothsaying] but, accept with perfection / faith whatever comes one's way (1). (Rashi)		
2	g	(i)	Piel	1	
2	g	(ii)	Hiphil	1	
2	h		Among others:	2	
			The word זכור 'remember' parallels the word בינו 'understand' (1)		
			ימות עולם 'days of old' is mirrored by the phrase שנות דור ודור 'the years of former generations' (1)		
2	i		Among others:	8	
			Judges:		
			Judges are to be appointed to keep law and order in every Israelite city.(16:18) (1)		
			Priests and Members of the High Court:		
			The priests and members of the High Court are to decide difficult legal matters (1) and their decision is final (1). (17:8-12)		
			The king:		
			When the people request a king, they must then appoint one over them.		

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	(17 : 14-15) (1)		
	The king will have certain restrictions, namely, he must not have too many wives / or horses / and must not amass more wealth than he requires (1). (17: 16-17)		One example of a restriction required.
	The king will have to be 'from your brethren' i.e. of Israelite birth (1) . (17:15)		
	Priests and Levites:		
	The priests and Levites have no portion in the Holy Land (1); they will receive their income from sacrificial and agricultural dues and taxes (1). (18:1)		
	Priests are also entitled to the first wool shorn each season (1). (18:4)		
	Prophets:		
	Prophets will be set up for the people to consult (1); the people may not consult wizards and sorcerers who deal in occult practices (1). (18:9-18)		
	City Elders:		
	If someone kills his fellow in error, there are safe cities for him to seek refuge (1). If one kills intentionally and tries to hide in a safe city, the city elders will send for the murderer and hand him over to the 'blood avenger' (1). (19: 11-13)		
	If the victim of a murder is found and no-one knows who killed him, the elders of the nearest to the corpse will bring a female calf and decapitate it as an atonement (1). (21:1-4)		
	War priests and war officers:		
	The war priest will encourage the Israelite soldiers by saying that G-d is fighting on their behalf (1). (20 : 1-4)		
	The war officers will announce those soldiers exempt from war (1) (such as those who have recently married). (20 : 5-9)		

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			Question 2 Total:	30	
3	а		Saul	1	

Q	uesti	on	An	swer	Marks	Guidance
3	b	(i)	That he (and his armour bearer) should cross over to the Philistine position			
3	b	(ii)	Perhaps G-d will grant them victory for He can save whether there are (1)		2	Any point, one mark, max. two
3	С		דמם (1) Kal (1)		2	
3	d		They referred to the Hebrews 'coming out of their hiding-holes' (1) they challenged Jonathan and his assistant to come and fight them (1) and they threatened to 'teach them a lesson' (1)		2	Any point, one mark, max. two Accept 'Ivrim – Hebrews' as derogatory
3	е			ממותת is in the Polel conjugation (of the Ayin-Vav verb מות (1) and means 'to finish off' or 'strike the final blow' (1) . Cf. II Samuel 1:10		Do not accept 'kill' on its own.
3	f		וַתְּהִי הַמַּכָּה הָרָאשׁנָה אֲשֶׁר הִכָּה יוֹנָתָן וְנֹשֵׂא כֵלָיו כְּעֶשְׂרִים אִישׁ כְּבַחֲצִי מַעֲנָה צֶמֶד שָׂדָה: וַתְּהִי חֲרָדָה בַמַּחֲנֶה בַשָּׂדֶה וּבְכָל הָעָם הַמַּצָּב וְהַמֵּשְׁחִית חָרְדוּ גַּם הַמָּה וַתִּרְגַז הָאָרֶץ	The first slaughter Jonathan and his weapon-bearer inflicted was about twenty men,[in the space] of half a furrow [made by] a team of oxen.  There was terror in the camp in the field and among the people. The garrison and the raiders trembled as well. [It seemed as if] the earth shook as it was a trembling caused by G-d	2	

Qı	Question		An	swer	Marks	Guidance
			וַהְהִי לְחֶרְדַּת אֱ-לֹהִים:			
			וַיִּרְאוּ הַצּפִּים לְשָׁאוּל בְּגִבְעַת בִּנְיָמִן וְהִנֵּה הֶהָמוֹן נָמוֹג וַיֵּלֶךְ וַהָלֹם: וַיֹּאמֶר שָׁאוּל לָעָם אֲשֶׁר אִתּוֹ פִּקְדוּ נָא וּרְאוּ מִי הָלַךְ מֵעִמָּנוּ וַיִּפְקְדוּ וְהִנֵּה אֵין יוֹנָתָן וְנֹשֵׂא כֵלָיו:	Saul's lookouts saw this from Givath Benjamin and behold the multitude was routed / dispersing and the situation deteriorated even more. Saul said to the people with him, "Inspect / note / count now and see who has gone from us." They inspected and behold Jonathan and his weapon-bearer were absent.	2	
			וַיּאמֶר שָׁאוּל לַאֲחִיָּה הַגִּישָׁה אֲרוֹן הָאֶ-לֹהִים כִּי הָיָה אֲרוֹן הָאֱ-לֹהִים בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא וּכְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: וַיְהִי עַד דְּבֶּר שָׁאוּל אֶל הַכֹּהֵן וְהָהָמוֹן אֲשֶׁר בְּמַחֲנֵה פְלִשְׁתִּים וַיֵּלֶךְ הָלוֹךְ וָרָב וַיֹּאמֶר שָׁאוּל אֶל הַכֹּהֵן אֱסֹף יָדֶךְ:	Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring forward the Ark of G-d for the Ark of G-d was [there] on that day with the Israelites. But while Saul was speaking to the priest the [noise of] the mob in the Philistine camp was increasing. So Saul said to the priest, "Hold back!"	2	
3	f	(ii)	Among others:		1	

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			One would expect בכחצי - in [an area] like half ( <i>Ibn Janach</i> )		
3	f	(iii)	He wanted to consult the Urim veTumim / Divine Oracle worn by the High Priest (1) which ideally required the presence of the Ark (1).	2	See: (MD, Redak, DM) [See Rambam Klei Hamikdash 10:11]
3	g		Among others:	3	Any point, one mark, max. three
			'Uncircumcised' – a derogatory term for an enemy gentile (1)		
			כל אשר בלבבך [lit. all that is in your heart] means 'whatever you want' (1)		Accept 'Cherdas Elokim'
			יד – ביד ישראל [lit. 'hand'] can mean the 'authority' or 'power' (1)		
			ותרגז הארץ [lit. the earth shook] means 'as if the earth shook' due to the abundance of shouting (1)		
			ן נְמֵוֹג and behold the multitude was routed [lit. 'melted'] (1)		
3	h		Among others:	8	Accept 'He went ahead of his weapons
			Jonathan is not scared to begin a skirmish with a Philistine position although he is helped only by his armour bearer. (14: 1-6) (1)		bearer'
			He recognises that G-d is on his side and went 'on hands and knees' is his quest to defeat the Philistines. (14 : 12-13) (1)		
			He thinks of the welfare of his father's troops. When told he has transgressed his father's oath, he claims that the soldiers would have benefited had they indeed eaten. (14 : 29-30) (1)		
			Jonathan admits his mistake and is prepared to die for transgressing the oath despite the fact he had been unaware of it. (14:43) (1)		
			Jonathan is devoted to David and made a covenant with him. (18:1,3) (1)		
			He also removed his cloak, tunic and weapons and handed them to David. (18:4) (1)		
			He knows that David is more likely to be the next king than he and yet		

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		shows unconditional support for him. (1)  Jonathan informs David that Saul plans to kill him. (18:2) (1)  He offers to speak to Saul on David's behalf and see what Saul really intends to do to him. (18:3) (1)  Jonathan praises David to Saul, saying he has done no wrong and has brought much benefit to him. He is successful, for the short term, in persuading Saul to let David live.(18:4) (1)			
		Question 3 Total:	30		
4	а	Hezekiah / Chizkiyahu	1		
4	b	reflexive	1		
4	С	Among others:  They are told not to fear (1) for they (the Israelites) have greater strength the enemy do (1) insofar as the enemy rely on physical might whereas the Israelites have G-d on their side (1)	3	Don't accept 'we have more people'	
4	d	The prophet contrasts the enemies' trust in their זרוע בשר 'physical strength' (1) and the Israelites' trust in G-d לעזרנו 'to help them' (1)	2	Accept 'Chizkiyahu / Chozeku'	
4	е	:וְיָסְפָה פְּלֵיטַת בֵּית יְהוּדָה הַנִּשְׁאָרָה שֹׁרֶשׁ לְמָטָה וְעָשָׂה פְרִי לְמְעְלָה The survivors of the house of Judah who remain will take root below (the ground) and produce fruit above (the ground).	2.		

			כִּי מִירוּשָׁלַם מֵּצֵא שְׁאֵרִית וּפְלֵיטָה מֵהַר צִיּוֹן קִנְאַת יי צְ-בָאוֹת תַּעֲשֶׂה זֹּאת:	For a remnant will go forth from Jerusalem and survivors from Mount Zion. The zeal of the L-rd of Hosts / L-rd Controller will achieve this.	2	
			לָכֵן כּה אָמַר יי אֶל מֶלֶךְ אַשׁוּר לֹא יָבוֹא אֶל הָעִיר הַזּאֹת וְלֹא יוֹרֶה שָׁם חֵץ וְלֹא יְקַדְּמֶנָּה מָגֵן וְלֹא יִשְׁפֹּךְ עָלֶיהָ סֹלְלָה:	Therefore, so says the L-rd about the king of Assyria / Ashur, "He will not enter this city nor fire an arrow there. He will not advance against it with a shield nor pile up a mound (of earth) against it.	2	
4	f	i	An infinitive absolute		1	
4	f	ii	lt replaces וַיִּתְנוּ 'and they put'		1	Will accept 'replacing the infinitive construct ולתת' (1) On going (1)
4	g		G-d, Whose Divine Presence (1) re images on top of the Holy Ark (1)	ests above the Cheruvim / angelic	2	Any point, one mark, max. two
4	h		'I have climbed mountain tops (1) the far-reaching places of Lebanon (1) [due to my many chariots] I will cut down his highest cedar trees (1) and the best of his cypress trees (1) I have reached its highest peak (1) its densest forests (1) I have dried up all the streams of Egypt / Matzor' (1)		5	Any point, one mark, max. five

4	ı	Among others:	8	
		'The dry desert will rejoice' (Isaiah 35: 1) can refer to Jerusalem's joy at Sennacherib's withdrawal from the city. ( <i>Ibn Ezra quoting R. Moses HaCohen</i> ) (1)		
		Sennacherib sends Ravshakeh to Jerusalem with a message that the people of Judah should not trust Hezekiah's assurance that Assyria will not conquer Judah. (36 : 2-20) (1)		
		Hearing Ravshakeh's blasphemy, Hezekiah tears his clothing, puts on sackcloth and goes to the Temple. (37 : 1) (1)		
		Sennacherib sends further messages, orally and in writing, that Assyria will conquer Judah. Hezekiah takes these letters to the Temple and spreads them out before G-d and prays. (37:9-15) (1)		
		Isaiah prophesies in G-d's Name that 'the Virgin daughter of Zion' despises you and the 'daughter of Jerusalem' shakes her head at you' in mockery. (37 : 21) (1)		
		He prophesies further that 'a remnant will go forth from Jerusalem and survivors from Mount Zion'. (37 : 32) (1)		
		When Hezekiah becomes ill and subsequently recovers, he offers a prayer in which he says, 'we will sing to the accompaniment of musical instruments in G-d's Temple'. (38 : 20) (1)		
		Hezekiah shows the treasure house of his palace to the messengers of the king of Babylon. (39 : 1-2) (1)		
		Isaiah informs Hezekiah that as a consequence the treasures of his palace will be taken by the Babylonians. (39 : 6) (1)		
		Hezekiah appoints priests and Levites to positions of service in the Temple. (II Chronicles 31 :2) (1)		
		The people of Jerusalem are to bring their tithes and priestly dues to the Temple to allow the Levites and priests to occupy themselves with Torah study rather than travelling around to collect their gifts. (31:4-5) (1)		
		Since Sennacherib is approaching, Hezekiah stops up the water source of Jerusalem to prevent the enemy from taking benefit from the water. (32: 2-4) (1)		

	Question 4 Total:	30	

#### Appendix 1: Marking grid for translation from Biblical Hebrew to English

Award up to 2 marks for the block of text according to the following grid:

Marks	Transfer of meaning from Biblical Hebrew to English.	
2	Accurate transfer of meaning. Virtually faultless grammar, punctuation and spelling in English.	
1 Inconsistent transfer of meaning. Mostly accurate but there are errors and / or missed details. There are instances of grammar, punctuation and spelling in English.		
0	Very limited transfer of meaning. A substantial number of elements misunderstood or missing. Significant error in grammar, punctuation and spelling in English.	

Exceptional responses and marks to award:

Candidates may answer in faultless English but may not transfer meaning accurately.

• Award either 0 or 1 mark depending on the level of inaccuracy in meaning.

The transfer of meaning is accurate but contains significant spelling and/or grammar errors.

Award 0 or 1 mark, depending on level of inaccuracy of English.

Award up to a maximum of 2 marks for each block of text.

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