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MARK SCHEME

Q	uestion	Answer/Indicative content	Mark	Guidance		
1	a	The five kings	1		cept 'kings' or 'four kings' or 'four and five kings' or 'kings and Gomorrah'	
1	b	Now the Valley of Fields / Siddim was full of bitumen / tar pits. The kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled and fell in there whilst the	2	Marks	Transfer of meaning from Biblical Hebrew to English.	
		remainder fled to any mountain (they could find). They took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food and left. (2)		0	Very limited transfer of meaning. A substantial number of elements misunderstood or missing. Significant error in 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 error in grammar, punctuation and spelling in English.	
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					Maximum: [2]	
1	С	The fugitive came and told Avram the Hebrew who was living among the plains of Mamre the Emorite, (Mamre being) the brother of Eshkol and Aner. They were all allies of Avram. (2) Avram heard that his kinsman had been captured and armed his 318 trained men who had been born in his household and pursued [the enemy] as far as Dan. (2)	4	Marks	Transfer of meaning from Biblical Hebrew to English.	
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					Maximum: [4]	
1	d	 He splits his forces at night (1) He struck them (1) He chases the enemy as far as Chovah (1) He rescues all the possessions (of Sodom and Gomorrah) (1) He rescues Lot and his possessions (1) He rescues the women and the people (1) 	3	Any point	one mark, max. three	
1	е	 Avram would give the rescued people to the king (1) and Avram could keep all the possessions (1) 	2	Do not ac	ccept 'give me the life'	
1	f	 He makes an oath (1) in G-d's Name (1) that he will not take even the smallest item (1) He explains that he does not want the king to take any credit for Avram's wealth (1) 	3	shoelace Superfluc Accept: 'r	orrect linguistic comments e.g. explanation of thread to as metaphor ous pronoun ani heesharti (1) ne rebuffs the king' to one mark, max. three	

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1	g		 Reimbursement for the food (Avram's young men ate for this battle) (1) and the spoils of war due to them (1) the share that Aner, Eshkol and Mamre are entitled to (1) 	2	Any point one mark, max. two
1	h		 'the plains (שוה) = equal) (1) of the two towns (1) (Apparently there were two towns near each other) that twinned up as one. (1) (Da'at Mikra) dual form (1) 	2	Any point one mark, max. two
1	i	(i)	 Unique name given to the Divine Being (1) 	1	Accept 'a name for G-d'
		(ii)	 Far be it from me! / "without me" (1) (Ibn Janach) i.e. to take other people's money is remote from me (1) you can take what you want without my permission (1) since I make no claim on the property (1) (Sforno) what occurred was without my help (1) (G-d caused the victory) so I claim nothing except what the men have eaten (Malbim) 	1	Max. one mark Do not accept 'far be it' Accept 'except'
1	j		Numbers over ten often cause the nouns they qualify to revert to the singular	1	Do not accept 'collective noun' without further explanation
1	k	(i)	נכה	1	
		(ii)	(and) they smote / attacked (1) from smiting / attacking (1) (3 rd person masculine plural) imperfect (1) infinitive construct (1)	2	Any two points of a contrast, one mark each, max. two Accept 'future' Do not accept 'verb' or 'infinitive' Accept 'third root letter missing' (1) and 'third root letter attracts os ending' (1)
2	а		the war of the kings (1) Avram's refusal to take a reward from the king of Sodom (1) rescue of Lot (1)	1	Either point, one mark; Accept events from Chapter 14

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2	b	(i)	Avram said, "O L-rd, G-d, what will you give me [since] I am going childless and the steward of my house is Eliezer of Damascus." Avram said,	4	Marks	Transfer of meaning from Biblical Hebrew to English.	
	"Behold, You have not given me children (2) and a member of my household will be my heir." Suddenly, the L-rd's Word came to him saying, "This one will not be my heir; only one who will come from your body will be your heir." (2)		0	Very limited transfer of meaning. A substantial number of elements misunderstood or missing. Significant error in grammar, punctuation and spelling in English.			
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						Maximum: 4	
2	b	(ii)	 The phrase הוא אַישׁ = הוא דַּמֶּשֶׂק אֱלִיעֶזֶר (1) 'that is the man of Damascus, Eliezer' (1) (Ibn Janach) דְּמֶשֶׁק was Eliezer's original name (1) and Avram named him אֱלִיעֶזֶר (1) (so the phrase means 'that is Damesek (also known as) Eliezer'. (Redak)) The phrase is elliptical with the word בָּן דֹּמְשֶׁק שֵּלִיעֶזֶר הוּא בָּן דַמֶּשֶׁק אֱלִיעֶזֶר 'and the steward of my house is the son (man) of Damascus, Eliezer'. (1) (Ibn Ezra) 	2	Nickname Award for	e because he chased the kings to Damascus (1) relevant points which explain the phrase without y referring to word order	

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2	С		 He shows him the stars (1) He challenges him to count them (1) saying that his descendants would match their number (1) He makes a covenant with Avram (1) involving animals and birds (1) 	3		, one mark, max. three i-d reassures Avram that his belief in Him is an act of ness
2	d		and he placed each piece opposite the other but he did not split the birds. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses and Avram drove them away.(2)	2	Marks	Transfer of meaning from Biblical Hebrew to English.
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	е	(i)	אק is coarse flour while סלת is fine flour! (1) Solution: the אס was for the cakes but the אקמר was to place over the pot to absorb the froth. (1) (Rashi) Sarah was asked to prepare 3 seahs of coarse flour to make from them fine flour; 3 seahs of course flour produces only a little fine flour. (1) (Ramban)	3	and one	rk for each difficulty in (i) and (ii) mark for either solution and soles both mean flour (1)

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		(ii)	Literally 'he hurried to make it (the calf) – how does one 'make' a calf? (1) Solution: the word לעשות here means 'to prepare'. (1)		Who is 'he' who prepared the calf (1) Ishmael (1) or Abram (1)
2	f		 three (1) (Rashi) prime quality ('three-star') (1) (Chizkuni) 'three-year old' (1) (Ibn Ezra) part of a set of triplets (1) (Ramban) the third-born (1) (Rashi to Pesachim 68a) a third grown (1) (Rashi to Eruvin 63a) strong (as in 'the three-ply cord' see Kohelet / Ecclesiastes 4:12) (1) (Midrash Hagadol) 	2	Any point, one mark, max. two
2	g		ירש (1) Kal (1)	2	
		(ii)	נשב (1) Hiphil (1)	2	
2	h	,	 Among others: He tells G-d he is worried about not having an heir (1) He believes in G-d (1) He carries out the Covenant between the Pieces (1) He seeks permission from G-d to tend to his guests (1) even though it means disturbing G-d's 'visit' (1) 	2	
		(ii)	 He runs towards his guests (1) despite his recent circumcision (1) He offers to fetch bread for them (1) He urges Sarah to bake for them (1) He runs to fetch a calf to serve them (1) 	2	
3	а		(the report of) the death of King Saul	1	After David's lament (1)
	b	(i)	Abigail is called here 'the wife of Naval' but she is currently married to David!	1	

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	(ii)	Naval was her former husband	1	Allow: This was a punishment for her having proposed marriage to David even before the death of her first husband, Naval. [See 1 Samuel 25:31] (Alshich)			
С		Now, may your hands be strong and be brave for your master, Saul, is dead and the House of Judah has anointed me as king over them.(2)	2	Marks	Transfer of meaning from Biblical Hebrew to English.		
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				Maximu			
d		from root: פלג 'half' (1) with an added formative (noun) ש (1) is a 'half-wife' (1) (who is legally married but has no rights to a marriage document (kethubah)). (R' S. R. Hirsch to Bereishis 25:6)	2	(Gesenius	, one mark, max. two s) softness or pleasure from related Semitic root pe lamed be lamed kuf (1) not given, maximum mark for the question is 1.		
е		"Am I nobody ('dog's head') (1) in the rival tribe (Judah) (1)? On the contrary, I am the one in charge of your Benjamite kingdom!" (1) (Malbim)	2		, one mark, max. two		
f		They are the most northerly (Dan) and southerly (Be'er Sheba) (1) towns in Israel. It is the equivalent of from 'Land's End to John O'Groats'. (1) two extremes (1) north and south (1) means the whole land (1)	2	Any point	, one mark, max. two		

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g		He was unable to reply anything to Avner out of fear for him. Avner sent messengers to David from his place saying (2) "[I swear] by the One	4	Marks	Transfer of meaning from Biblical Hebrew to English.
		Who owns the land / [I swear] by (you, David,) who owns the land saying: Make a covenant with me and behold my hand is with you to win over a Israel for you." (2)		0	Very limited transfer of meaning. A substantial number of elements misunderstood or missing. Significant error in grammar, punctuation and spelling in English.
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h	7.7	locative / directional	1		
	(ii)	feminine possessive / 'her'	1	Do not ac	ccept 'feminine'
	(iii)	hiphil	1		
	(iv)	extended / softening / emphatic imperative	1	Do not accept 'cohortative'	
i		The expression 'going up' is used because David	2	Any point, one mark, max. two	
		wanted to move from Ziklag in the Negev (southern Desert) to the mountainous region of Judah. (1) Secondly, moving north is also referred to as 'going up'. (1) (Da'at Mikra)	t l	Moving fro	om Philistia to Israel is called 'going up' (1)
j		Among others:	4	Any point	of contrast, two marks
		David says both G-d and he will act kindly towards the men of Jabesh-Gilead (1) David does not say whereas Avner swear in G-d's name (1) that he (Avner) will perform the act of kindness(1) Avner gives details of		David: G-	points of contrast for four marks d will do kindness (1) vill do kindness (1)
		what the kindness will the kindness, namely,			

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			be (1) David makes no mention of a covenant between him and the men of Jabesh-Gilead (1) David mentions 'kindness and truth' (1)	he will help restore David's monarchy (1) Avner sends a message of allegiance but David has to make a covenant (1) Avner mentions only kindness (1)		Abner: cha	essing people for burying his enemy (1) anging sides to support former enemy (1) adness on account of a good deed (1) adness to a former enemy in order to rebel against Ish- 1)
4	a b	(i)	David The Philistines / Plishtin		1 4	Marks	Transfer of meaning
			anointed David as king Philistines / Plishtim a				from Biblical Hebrew to English.
			David. (2) David heard fortress. The Philistines came and spread out (2)	s / Plishtim / Plishtim		0	Very limited transfer of meaning. A substantial number of elements misunderstood or missing. Significant error in grammar, punctuation and spelling in English.
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		(ii)	reflexive		1		assive' if a passive translation is included
	С			Ephod / Urim veTumim 1) (through which he	1	Do not ac	cept 'Ark'

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d	 David and his men carried off these idols (1) They burned them (1) (Rashi from Targum for them) [Seconds 4 Chaptigles 44:20] 	2	Accept added explanation: with the intention that Ittai the Gittite, one of David's gentile generals would renounce their idol status and make their use permitted (1)	
	Jonathan) [See also 1 Chronicles 14:22]		Arry point,	, one mark, max. two
e	David inquired of the L-rd Who said, "Do not go up! Go around behind them and come against them from opposite the mulberry	2	Marks	Transfer of meaning from Biblical Hebrew to English.
	trees. (2)		0	Very limited transfer of meaning. A substantial number of elements misunderstood or missing. Significant error in grammar, punctuation and spelling in English.
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			Maximur	m: 2
f	 When he hears the sound of marching (from the tops of the (mulberry) trees) (1) Only then may he mobilize his army (1) For only then will G-d go out to battle the Philistines / Plishtim on his behalf (1) 	3		
g	G-d has smashed the enemy like a surge of water. (1)	1		one passes through water cept Hebrew
h	Among others: • a rhetorical question (1)	3		, one mark, max. three
	sarcasm : 'how honoured is this day' (1)		Do not aw	vard marks for translation without explanation of language

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	 she repeats 'today' (1) she refers indirectly to her own husband as 'the king of Israel' (1) / without referring to him by name (1) she contrasts 'the king of Israel' with 'the maidservants of his servants' (1) she uses a double infinitive construct 'as one of the low-lives completely exposes himself' (1) 		
i	 Among others: He asks G-d on two occasions for advice on how to tackle the Philistine attack (1) He credits the victory to G-d ('G-d has made a breach in the enemy') (1) He obeys G-d's command to exercise restraint (until he receives a sign to attack the enemy) (1) He explains his seemingly frivolous dancing by saying he did this in honour of G-d (1) Several of his sons' names include an allusion to the Divine Name (1) He destroys the idols of the Philistines (1) 	4	Any point, one mark, max. four
	 • ירוּשָׁלֶם (line 1) • יְבֶּלֶט (line 2) • בְּיֶדֶרְ (line 5) • מִיִם (line 6) • זֶזר (line 10) • אַכֶּבַדָה (line 15) • דֶלֶד 	3	Any example, one mark each, max. three Tekherotz line 9 B'enai line 14

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5	а		"Return my daughters, go! I am too old to marry. Even if I thought I had hope and would be together with a husband tonight, (2) would I bear	6	Marks	Transfer of meaning from Biblical Hebrew to English.	
			children? Will you wait / hope for them (these children) to grow up, will you be chained to them not to get married? (2) No, my daughters, I am bitterer than you / I am bitter because of you for the hand of G-d has gone out against me!" (2)		0	Very limited transfer of meaning. A substantial number of elements misunderstood or missing. Significant error in grammar, punctuation and spelling in English.	
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					Maximur	m: 6	
	b		Ruth (1) and Orpah (1)	2			
	C		 She stays with Naomi even though Orpah has left (1) She is not persuaded to leave (1) Indeed she begs Naomi not to send her away (1) She says she will go wherever Naomi goes (1) She says she will sleep wherever Naomi sleeps (1) Naomi's people are her people (1) Naomi's G-d is her G-d (1) She will die where Naomi dies (1) She strengthens herself to keep up with Naomi (1) 	4	Any point,	, one mark, max. four	

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d		It is a mixture of masculine הם and feminine שתי (1) Masculine suffix despite referring to women (1)	1	Either attempt, up to two marks	
е	(i)	המם	1	Accept he vav mem (Gesenius)	
	(ii)	מרר	1		
f		She used to be sweet (as the name Naomi suggests) (1) but now she is bitter and should be referred to as Mara ('bitter') (1) as G-d has dealt her a severe blow. (1) She left (Bethlehem) full (of children) (1) but has returned empty (as her children have died) (1)	4	Any point, one mark, max. four Accept 'G-d has treated her harshly' (1)	
g		To the east of the Dead Sea / southern Jordan River	1	Accept 'east of Israel/Jordan River' (1) Accept 'south-east of Israel' but not 'south-east' Accept 'south/south-east of Beth Lechem'	
h		 הְיוֹת (line 2) – Mem privative / negative יְבְלְתִּי (line 3) 'not to' אַל –'No!' t(lines 5 and 9) - negative imperative, 'do not' 	2	Any example, one mark, max. three Accept Hebrew word only if spelling is correct Do not accept 'rhetorical question'	
i		 בְּנֹתֵי 'my daughters' – they are really her daughters-in-law בְּמָּוֶת יַפְרִיד 'death separates' בְּמָנֶת יַפְרִיד 'all the city was in uproar' meaning the people thereof בְּמָאָה הָלַכְתִּי 'l left full' 	3	Any point, one mark, max. three Do not award for Hebrew only	

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6	а	They said to Jepthah / Yiftach, "Come, become our captain and let us fight against Ammon!" Jepthah / Yiftach said to the elders of Gilead, (2)	4	Marks	Transfer of meaning from Biblical Hebrew to English.
		"Did you not hate me and drive me out of my father's house?! Why do you come to me now when you are in trouble?!" (2)		0	Very limited transfer of meaning. A substantial number of elements misunderstood or missing. Significant error in grammar, punctuation and spelling in English.
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				Maximu	m: 4
	b	If the people bring him back to lead against Ammon (1) and G-d gives them victory(1) he will become the leader of all the Gileadite residents (1)	3		
	С	 He refers to her as his daughter (1) He tells her to stay in his field (1) He tells her not to go to another field (1) He tells her to remain with his girl workers (1) He informs her that he has forbidden his male workers to bother her (1) He tells her to drink if she is thirsty (1) 	4	Any point	, one mark, max. four
	d	 She blesses him (1) She says he has dealt kindly with both the living and the dead (1) 	3	Any point	, one mark, max. three

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		 She says he is a redeemer due to his family relationship (1) She praises the fact that Boaz tells her to stay with his girl workers (1) 			
е	(i)	Boaz tells her to stay with the female workers but she says he told her to stay with the male workers	1	Accept 'w	ord order is different'
	(ii)	She was foreign (as indicated by the word הַמּוֹאֲבִיָּה / Moabitess) (1) which meant that she could confuse her masculines and feminines (1) or alternatively, despite her wanting to join the Israelite nation with all its rules, her coarse upbringing may have led to a Freudian slip! (1) (both explanations from <i>Torah Temimah</i>)	2	Accept 'ol	, one mark, max. two bject brought forward in line 16' (1) for emphasis (1) earim is a generic term for workers'
f		She stuck with Boaz's girl workers to glean until the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest. She stayed with her mother-in-law (2)	2	Marks	Transfer of meaning from Biblical Hebrew to English.
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g		 • בגד כפת (weak) dagesh (1) an a בגד כפת letter at the beginning of a word (1) • יַ – (strong) dagesh (1) after a short 	4	Any two a for the ex	nswers, one point for the name of the dot and one point planation

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	unstressed vowel / between a short and long vowel (1) or to compensate for the missing ל from the root כָּלוּלֹתָיוָרְ (1) [Cf. כְּלוּלוּתִייִרְ Jeremiah 2:2] • ה – mappik (1) for feminine possessive / 'her' (1)		Accept dagesh and mapiq if written in Hebrew letters (including script)
h	 Line 4 – conditional / 'if' (1) Line 5 – negatively after an oath (1) double negative = positive 'surely' (1) Line 16 – introducing a relative clause (1) part of expression meaning 'until' (1) 	2	Any example, one mark, max. two

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