

HEBREW STUDIES

**HIGHER LEVEL**

**Time: 2½ hours**

**Total Marks: 400**

**N.B.** Questions must be attempted from Part 1 and Part 11 in accordance with the options given in each part.

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**PART 1 - [280 MARKS]**

All four sections, A, B, C and D must be attempted. Each section carries 70 marks.

**SECTION A: Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.**

1.

- (a) In the passage above, what does the speaker say to Joseph? (25)
- (b) From your knowledge of the background to the passage above, why has Joseph found favour in the eyes of the speaker? (25)
- (c) Parse and translate the following words: (20)

**OR**

2.

- (a) What events take place in the passage above? (25)
- (b) Why was the action described in the passage above so important in the life of ancient Israel? (25)
- (c) Parse and translate the following words: (20)

**SECTION B: Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.**

**1.**

- (a) In the passage above, what orders does the speaker give? (25)
- (b) Comment on the importance of the event being prepared for in the passage above. (25)
- (c) Give a suitable title to the passage above in a few Hebrew words. (20)

**OR**

**2.**

- (a) What events take place in the passage above? (25)
- (b) Comment on the meaning of the following phrase: (25)
- (c) Give a suitable title to the passage above in a few Hebrew words. (20)

**SECTION C: Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.**

1.

- (a) In the passage above, what description is given of Barzillai? (25)
- (b) From your knowledge of the background to the passage above, how does Barzillai prove himself to be a loyal subject of the king? (25)
- (c) Parse and translate the following words: (20)

**OR**

2.

- (a) In the passage above, what changes take place in the appearance of the princes? (25)
- (b) Comment on the historical background which lies behind the passage above. (25)
- (c) Give a suitable title to the passage above in a few Hebrew words. (20)

**SECTION D: Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.**

1.

- (a) What two differences of opinion are expressed in the passage above? (25)
- (b) Why does the biblical text, discussed in the passage above, receive such detailed analysis? (25)
- (c) What were the major differences in opinion between the Schools of Hillel and Shammai? (20)

**OR**

2.

- (a) What discussion takes place in the passage above? (25)
- (b) Write a brief note on the name *Aher*. (25)
- (c) Why are the stories, such as the one contained in the passage above, important for understanding of the Jewish faith? (20)

**PART II - (120 marks)**

**TWO OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, A, B, C AND D MUST BE ATTEMPTED.**

- A. Discuss the importance of Abraham in Israel's history.  
Support your answer with biblical and historical reference. (60)
- B. Discuss the events surrounding the beginning of the monarchy in Ancient Israel.  
Support your answer with biblical and historical reference. (60)
- C. Describe the historical events which led to the Exile in Babylon.  
Support your answer with biblical and historical reference. (60)
- D. Outline the importance of the Mishnah in the religious life of the Jewish people. (60)