

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2002

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.

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) What events take place in the passage above? (25)
- (b) Why does Israel act as he does in the passage above? (25)
- (c) Parse and translate the following words: (20)

OR

2.

- (a) What events take place in the passage above? (25)
- (b) Why a brief note on (25)
- (c) Parse and translate the following words: (20)

SECTION B: Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.

1.

- (a) What does Joshua say in the passage above? (25)
- (b) What plan does Joshua have to ensure success? (25)
- (c) Give a simple title to the passage above in a few Hebrew words. (20)

OR

2.

- (a) What does Saul do in the passage above? (25)
- (b) Why does Saul act as he does in the passage above? (25)
- (c) Give a simple title to the passage above in a few Hebrew words. (20)

SECTION C: Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.

1.

- (a) What events take place in the passage above? (25)
- (b) From your knowledge of the background to the passage above, explain briefly why the people of Israel and the people of Judah react differently. (25)
- (c) Parse and translate the following words: (20)

OR

2.

- (a) In the passage above, how do the people react to the action of the Lord? (25)
- (b) Comment on the historical background to the passage above. (25)
- (c) Why is the passage above entitled: (20)

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SECTION D: Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.

1.

- (a) What advice is given in the passage above? (25)
- (b) Is there any difference or conflict between the advice of the two speakers in the passage above? (25)
- (c) In Tractate Avoth, what advice is given about the study of Torah? (20)

OR

2.

- (a) Describe what takes place in the passage above. (25)
- (b) Write a brief note on the meaning of the word *haggadah* and its importance in Hebrew literature. (25)
- (c) Describe briefly the character of Elisha ben Abuyah, supporting your answer with incidents from his life. (20)

PART II - (120 marks)

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

- A. Describe the problems encountered by the Jewish people during their wanderings. Support your answer with biblical and historical references. (60)
- B. Discuss the role played by Joshua in the conquest of the land. Support your answer with biblical and historical references. (60)
- C. Describe the events which led to the division of the kingdom after Solomon's death. Support your answer with biblical and historical references. (60)
- D. Discuss the role played by Judah-ha-Nasi (Rabbi) in organising the material of the Mishnah. (60)