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Leaving Certificate Examination, 2001

M 79

HEBREW STUDIES

HIGHER LEVEL

Time: 3 hours

Total Marks: 400

All four sections, A, B, C and D must be attempted. Each section carries 100 marks.

SECTION A

Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.

1.

- (a)** Comment on the importance and significance of the passage above in the light of its cultural and religious background. (25)
- (b)** Parse and translate the following three words: (25)
- (c)** Write a short essay outlining the instructions relating to marriage found in the Bible and Mishnah. (50)

OR

2.

- (a)** Situate the passage above within its wider historical and political context. (25)
- (b)** Parse and translate the following three words: (25)
- (c)** Write a short essay outlining the conflict between the personal/family life of David and his role as king. (50)

SECTION B

Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.

1.

- (a)** From your knowledge of the background to the passage above, explain how the two examples given in the last half of the passage help to reinforce the opinion expressed in the first half of the passage. (25)
- (b)** Comment briefly on why the author uses _____ as a title for God. (25)
- (c)** Write a short essay describing the stance taken by the Biblical prophets on behalf of the weak and defenceless in society. (50)

OR

2.

- (a)** In what way does the philosophy contained in the passage above summarise the entire message of the Book of Ecclesiastes? (25)
- (b)** Suggest a suitable title in Hebrew for the passage above. (25)
- (c)** Write a short essay outlining how the biblical ideas of Wisdom are continued and developed in the Mishnah. (50)

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SECTION C

Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.

1.

- (a) Comment on the way in which the passage above may be seen to act as a summary of God's dealings with the people of Israel. (25)
- (b) Parse and translate the following three words: (25)
- (c) Write a short essay outlining the importance of Jerusalem as a place of sacrifice and worship for the Jewish people. (50)

OR

2.

- (a) From your knowledge of the background to the passage above, comment on the way in which a *natural* activity is given a *religious* significance in the passage. (25)
- (b) Why does the author of the passage above emphasise the phrase: ? (25)
- (c) Write a short essay outlining the most important religious symbols encountered by the Jew during his or her lifetime. (50)

SECTION D

Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.

1.

- (a) Comment on the significance of the events described in the passage above in the light of their cultural and religious context. (25)
- (b) Comment briefly on the significance of the names: (25)
- (c) Write a short essay describing the respective rewards and punishments, as expressed throughout the Bible, for those who keep or break the Covenant. (50)

OR

2.

- (a) Explain the reason for the note of optimism expressed in the passage above in the light of its literary and historical context. (25)
- (b) Suggest a suitable title in Hebrew for the passage above. (25)
- (c) Write a short essay outlining the evidence from the Bible and Mishnah to support the view that the Messiah can have both *kingly* and *priestly* qualities. (50)