

An Roinn Oideachais agus Eolaíochta  
Leaving Certificate Examination, 2002

**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.

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**SECTION A**

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**Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.**

**1.**

- (a) Explain the significance of the passage above in the light of its historical, social and cultural background. (25)
- (b) Comment briefly on the significance of the term: (25)
- (c) Write a short essay outlining the traditions and values that are to be handed on to children within the Jewish family. Support your answer with reference to the Bible and Mishnah. (50)

**OR**

**2.**

- (a) In what way does the passage above accurately reflect the general confusion as to who is to succeed to the throne? (25)
- (b) Parse and translate the following three words: (25)
- (c) Write a short essay evaluating the successes and failures in the life and reign of King Solomon. (50)

**SECTION B**

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**Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.**

**1.**

- (a) Situate the message of the prophet expressed in the passage above within its historical and religious context. (25)
- (b) Suggest a suitable title in Hebrew for the passage above. (25)
- (c) Write a short essay discussing the conflict that sometimes occurred between prophet and king in Ancient Israel. (50)

**OR**

**2.**

- (a) Comment on the lessons drawn by the author in the passage above in light of the context in which the passage occurs. (25)
- (b) Suggest a suitable title in Hebrew for the passage above. (25)
- (c) Write a short essay outlining the main ideas found in **either** the *Book of Proverbs* **or** the *Book of Ecclesiastes*. (50)

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**SECTION C**

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**Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.**

**1.**

- (a) In what sense is the Rabbinic emphasis on prayer highlighted and exemplified in the passage above? (25)
- (b) Comment on the following two phrases as they occur in the passage above: (25)
- (c) Write a short essay illustrating the importance of sacrifice in the life of Ancient Israel. (50)

**OR**

**2.**

- (a) Comment on the importance which the author attaches to the passage above, in the context from which the passage has been taken. (25)
- (b) **Either**  
Write a note on the traditions associated with  
**or**  
Give a suitable title in Hebrew for the passage above. (25)
- (c) Write a short essay on the origins and development of the feast of Passover. (50)

**SECTION D**

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**Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.**

**1.**

- (a) What function does the historical survey in the passage above play within the general context in which it occurs? (25)
- (b) Write a brief note on the importance of Shechem in Israelite history. (25)
- (c) Write a short essay outlining the gradual development of the theme of covenant within the Hebrew Bible and Mishnah. (50)

**OR**

**2.**

- (a) Comment on the promises made in the passage above in the light of the context from which the passage is taken. (25)
- (b) **Either**  
Comment on the phrase:  
  
**or**  
Give a suitable title in Hebrew for the passage above. (25)
- (c) Write a short essay outlining the ways in which various historical situations gave rise to the Messianic hopes among the people of Israel. (50)