



**Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit  
State Examinations Commission**

Leaving Certificate Examination, 2006

**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**

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

**1.**

- (a)** Comment on the role and involvement of the Lord in the passage above, taking into account the context in which the passage occurs. (25)
- (b)** Parse and translate the following words: (25)
- (c)** Write a short essay outlining the traditions and values to be handed on to children within the Jewish family. Support your answer with reference to 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. Support your answer with historical and biblical references. (50)

**SECTION B**

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

**1.**

- (a)** To what extent does the passage above sum up the role and mission of Jeremiah? (25)
- (b)** Suggest a suitable title in Hebrew for the passage above. (25)
- (c)** Write a short essay outlining the attitude of any **one** prophet towards the official cult and worship in Ancient Israel. Support your answer with historical and biblical references. (50)

**OR**

**2.**

- (a)** In which 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. Support your answer with reference to the Bible and Mishnah. (50)

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**SECTION C**

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

**1.**

**(a)** In what ways is the importance of prayer stressed 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 outlining the importance of Jerusalem as a place of sacrifice and worship for the Jewish people. Support your answer with historical and biblical references. (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)
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- (c) Write a short essay on the origins and development of Hannukah. Support your answer with historical and biblical references. (50)

**SECTION D**

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

**1.**

- (a)** Comment on the importance of the promises made in the passage above for the people of Israel. (25)
- (b)** Suggest a suitable title in Hebrew for the passage above. (25)
- (c)** Write a short essay showing how the idea of covenant was kept alive and renewed throughout the history of Ancient Israel. Support your answer with reference to the Bible. (50)

**OR**

**2.**

- (a)** Comment on the imagery used in the passage above in the light of its historical and literary background. (25)
- (b)** Suggest a suitable title in Hebrew for the passage above. (25)
- (c)** Write a short essay outlining the characteristics of the Messiah as perceived by the biblical prophets. Support your answer with biblical and historical references. (50)