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Leaving Certificate Examination, 2001

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HEBREW STUDIES

ORDINARY 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)** According to the passage above, what procedures are to be followed in ancient Israel to ensure the continuation of a deceased man's descendants? (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)** What picture of Abimelech emerges from the passage above? (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) (i) What opinion is expressed in the first half of the passage above?
(ii) What two examples are given in the last half of the passage above to support that opinion? (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) Summarise the message given by the author of the passage above. (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)** What instructions does the Lord give in the passage above? (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)** What instructions are provided in the passage above as to how the feast should be celebrated? (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) What events take place in the passage above? (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) What message is given by the prophet in the passage above? (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)