



**Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit  
State Examinations Commission**

Leaving Certificate Examination, 2006

**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**

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

- 1.
- (a) What actions take place in the passage above? (25)
- (b) Parse and translate the following three 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) 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. Support your answer with reference to the Bible. (50)

## SECTION B

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Candidates must answer on ONE passage only.

1.

- (a) What does the Lord say to Jeremiah in the passage above? (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) Summarise the message given by the author in 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. Support your answer with reference to the Bible and Mishnah. (50)

**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 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) 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)  
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- (c) Write a short essay on the origins and development of Hannukah. (50)  
Support your answer with historical and biblical references.

## SECTION D

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

**1.**

- (a)** What promises are made to David in the passage above? (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)** What image of the king is found in the passage above? (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)