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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:–

B.A.

Hebrew & Jew. Studs. C12: North–West Semitic Inscriptions

COURSE CODE : HEBRC012

UNIT VALUE : 1.00

DATE : 08–MAY–06

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

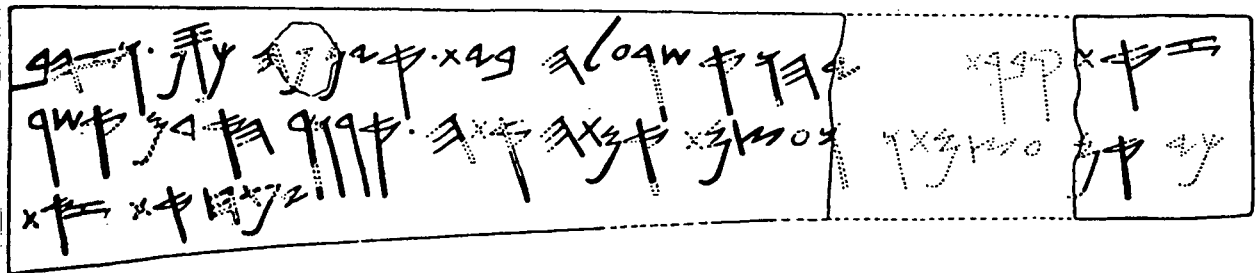
HEBRC012: Northwest Semitic Inscriptions

Answer **ALL** five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

In each question, if there is a text, **transliterate** the text into SQUARE script, and then **translate** the text into clear English. When an idiomatic translation does not accurately reflect the text, place a more literal translation in square brackets following your idiomatic translation, thus: ... [lit. ...]. In addition to the transliteration and translation, be sure to answer all the supplementary parts of each question.

Question 1

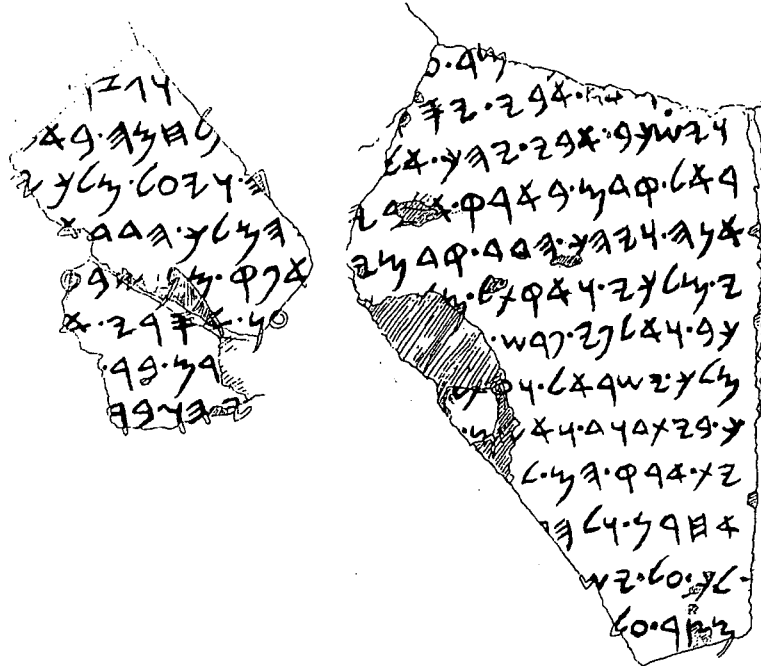
Transliterate and translate (8 marks):



- 1a: Where was this text discovered, and where is it housed now (3 marks)?
- 1b: To when is this text dated, and on what grounds (3 marks)?
- 1c: With which Biblical episode does this suggested date correspond? Discuss specific Biblical passages with which this text is possibly connected (3 marks).
- 1d: Discuss the form of the 3.m.s. possessive pronominal suffix, as attested in this inscription. How could it have developed into the form most commonly attested in the Hebrew Bible (3 marks)?

Question 4

Transliterate and translate (10 marks):



- 4a: Where was this inscription discovered, and where is it housed now (2 marks)?
- 4b: What is its historical context? Discuss specific Biblical passages with which this text is connected (3 marks).
- 4c: In what condition was it discovered? How could this have happened (3 marks)?
- 4d: What is the historical significance of this inscription (2 marks)?

Question 5

What are the Northwest Semitic languages? Is "Northwest Semitic" a suitable term for these languages? Answer these questions in no more than 500 words, remembering to discuss:

- how this term fits in with the study of the Semitic language family
- how the Northwest Semitic languages compare with other Semitic languages
- any alternative definitions for these languages (20 marks)

References

- 1 Joseph Naveh, *Early History of the Alphabet* (Jerusalem, 1982), 68.
- 2 Joseph Naveh, *Early History of the Alphabet* (Jerusalem, 1982), 68.
- 3 שמואל אחיטוב, הכתב והמכתב (ירושלים, 2005), 358.
- 4 Drawing by Ada Yardeni on behalf of the Israel Antiquities Authority.