

**Note :** This exam has special instructions.  
Answer the questions according to these instructions.

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יש לענות על השאלות על פי הנחיות אלה.

## Tanach For *Olim*

## תנ"ך לעולים חדשים

### Instructions to examinees

### הוראות לנבחן

א. Duration of exam: Two and a half hours

א. משך הבחינה: שעתיים וחצי.

ב. Exam structure and breakdown of points:

ב. מבנה השאלון ומפתח ההערכה:

This exam consists of three parts.

בשאלון זה שלושה פרקים.

Part One — (2×28) — 56 points

פרק ראשון — (28×2) — 56 נקודות

Part Two — (1×28) — 28 points

פרק שני — (28×1) — 28 נקודות

Part Two — (1×16) — 16 points

פרק שלישי — (16×1) — 16 נקודות

Total — 100 points

סך הכול — 100 נקודות

ג. Material that may be used during the exam:

ג. חומר עזר מותר בשימוש:

A full Hebrew Tanach, without any commentary or additions.

תנ"ך עברי שלם בלי פירושים ובלי תוספות.

You may use a translated Tanach.

מותר להשתמש בתנ"ך מתורגם.

You may use a Tanach with maps.

מותר להשתמש בתנ"ך שיש בו מפות.

You may use a Hebrew-other language /  
other language-Hebrew dictionary.

מותר להשתמש במילון לועזי-עברי / עברי-לועזי.

ד. Special instructions:

ד. הוראות מיוחדות:

(1) Do not copy the question, but do write the number  
of the question you are answering.

(1) אל תעתיק את השאלה; כתוב את מספרה בלבד.

(2) Stay on topic. Pay attention to your handwriting,  
spelling and punctuation.

(2) התרכז ב**נושא**. שים לב לכתב, לכתוב ולפיסוק.

Write only in the answer booklet. Write "טיוטה" at the top  
of each draft page.

כתוב ב**מחברת הבחינה בלבד**. רשום "טיוטה" בראש כל

If you write draft material outside the answer booklet,  
your exam may be disqualified.

עמוד המשמש טיוטה.  
כתיבת טיוטה בדפים שאינם במחברת הבחינה עלולה לגרום  
לפסילת הבחינה.

**Good Luck!**

**בהצלחה!**

## Questions

### Part One – Bereshit (56 points)

Answer two of the questions 1-3 (each question – 28 points).

In each question you choose, answer all items (Item א – 8 points; Items ב-ג – 10 points).

1. Read **בראשית**, Chapter ט"ו, verses ז'-כ"א.

א. Read verses ח'-ז' and verse ט"ו.

(1) What does God promise in His revelation to Avram? Base your answer on the text.

(4 points)

(2) Explain how this promise is an answer to Avram's question in verse ח'.

(4 points)

ב. Read verses ט"ז-י"ג.

God tells Avram that his descendants are destined to face hardships that will delay the fulfillment of His promise.

(1) Based on verse י"ג, explain what hardships are in store for the descendants of Avram.

Based on verse ט"ז, explain why the fulfillment of God's promise will be delayed.

Base your answer on the text.

(5 points)

(2) The text in verses י"ג-י"ד and ט"ז raises a theological problem.

Explain the problem.

(5 points)

ג. (1) Read verses ט"ז-כ"א.

According to verse ט"ז, what warning to the descendants of Avram is hinted at by the fate of the Emorites?

(5 points)

(2) Now read **בראשית**, Chapter י"ח, verse ט"ט.

Based on this verse, explain what God explicitly asks of the descendants of Avram.

(5 points)

2. Read **בראשית**, Chapter כ"ט, verses א'-ל'.

א. Read verses א'-י"א.

The following statements are based on these verses.

- The shepherds have to cooperate.
- Love gives a person strength.
- A loving person is gentle and emotional.
- Yaakov and Rachel are cousins.

Choose three statements and explain how each one is illustrated in these verses. Base your answer on the text.

ב. Read verses י"ג-כ"ה.

(1) Based on verses י"ג-י"ד, it seems that Lavan tried to make Yaakov feel welcome.

Give two examples from the verses that prove this statement. Explain each example.

(5 points)

(2) Read verses ט"ו-כ"ג.

Lavan turns out to be a swindler who has succeeded in deceiving Yaakov.

Bring two examples from the verses that prove this statement. Explain each example.

(5 points)

ג. Read verses כ"ג-כ"ה.

In verse כ"ה, Yaakov asks Lavan: "וְלָמָּה רִימִיתָנִי".

Now read **בראשית**, Chapter ל"ה, verse ל"ה.

Based on these verses, explain how use of the recurring root [שורש מנחה] ר-מ-י (to deceive, deception) expresses the theme of measure for measure [מידה כנגד מידה] in Yaakov's life.

3. Read **בראשית**, Chapter מ'.

- א. Read verses א'-ח' and verses כ"ב-כ"ג.

Yosef meets two of Paroh's officials in prison.

(1) Who are these two officials? What problem is troubling them? (4 points)

(2) According to verses כ"ב-כ"ג, what did Paroh decide about each of the two officials? (4 points)

- ב. Read verses ט'-כ'.

(1) List one detail from each of the officials' dreams (a total of two details), and explain how each of these details hints to Yosef how that official sees his own function in Paroh's palace. (6 points)

(2) Read verses י"ב-י"ג and verses כ'-כ"ג.

Explain how Yosef could have known on which day his predictions to the officials would come true. (4 points)

- ג. Read verses ו'-ט' and **בראשית**, Chapter ל"ז, verses א'-א.

(1) Some opinions say that these verses tell us about a change in Yosef's behavior toward those around him.

Give one example from these verses of a change in Yosef's behavior. Explain your answer based on both texts. (5 points)

(2) Read Chapter מ', verse ט"ו, and explain the events that brought about the change in Yosef's behavior toward those around him. (5 points)

## Part Two – Shemot (28 points)

Answer one of the questions 4-5.

Answer all items of the question you chose (Item א – 8 points; Items ב-ג – 10 points).

4. Read שמות, Chapter ט"ז, verse ח"א-י"ח.

- א. (1) List two restrictions that God imposed on the people before the revelation at Mount Sinai. (4 points)
- (2) Based on verse 'ט and verse א"ז, explain why God imposed restrictions on the people at the revelation at Mount Sinai. (4 points)

ב. Read verses 'ח-ג.

- (1) List two acts of kindnesses that God performed for the people before the revelation at Mount Sinai, and explain what condition the people had to meet to be able to receive the Torah. (6 points)
- (2) Based on verses 'ה-ז, explain one reward the people would receive if they complied with the conditions of the covenant. (4 points)

ג. Read verses ט"ז and verse ח"א.

- (1) Explain the effect of the revelation of God on the people and on Mount Sinai. Base your answer on the text. (5 points)
- (2) Now read שמות, Chapter כ', verses ט"ז-ט"ז. According to these verses, what did the people request after God's revelation at Mount Sinai? Explain why the people requested this. (5 points)

5. Read שמות, Chapter ל"ב, verses א'-י"ד.

א. Read verses א'-י.

- (1) What were the people anxious about, what was the cause of their anxiety, and what did they ask of Aharon to deal with this anxiety? (5 points)
- (2) Did the people overcome their anxiety? Explain your answer based on the text. (3 points)

ב. Read verses א'-ד'.

There are two different statements in these verses regarding who had brought the people out of Egypt.

- (1) List the two statements and explain why they reflect the severity of the people's sin against God. (5 points)
- (2) Now read שמות, Chapter ד"ד, verses כ"ז-כ"ט.  
Explain how these verses could account for the mistake the people made in one of their statements. (5 points)

ג. Read שמות, Chapter ל"ב, verses ט'-י"ד.

- (1) What punishment did God decide to impose on the people? (4 points)
- (2) Read verses י"א-י"ב.

In these verses Moshe appeals to God to change His decision.

Give one of the arguments Moshe uses, and explain how this argument illustrates Moshe's great wisdom.

Base your answer on the text. (6 points)

### Part Three – Chosen Topics (16 points)

Answer one of the questions 6-10.

In the question you chose, answer **Item א required** (8 points) and one of the items ב-ג (8 points).

#### **The Return to Zion** (שיבת ציון)

6. Read עזרא, Chapter 'א.

Answer **Item א (required)**.

א. Read verses 'א-ו'.

- (1) According to verses 'א-ב', whose spirit did God awaken and what was the result of this action? (4 points)
- (2) According to verse 'ה', whose spirit did God awaken and what was the result of this action? (4 points)

Answer one of the items ב-ג.

ב. Read verses 'ב-ה'.

- (1) The description in verses 'ה-ו' could mean that the exiles were able to retain their Jewish identity when they were in exile in Bavel.  
Give two examples from the text to support this statement, and explain them. (4 points)
- (2) Some exiles decided to stay in Bavel. Do you think this decision proves they wanted to retain their Jewish identity in exile? Explain your answer based on the text. (4 points)

ג. Read verses ז'-י"א.

In verses 'ז-ח', the vessels of the Temple [בית ה'] are mentioned in relation to the deeds of two kings.

- (1) What did each of these kings do with the vessels of the Temple? (4 points)
- (2) Read verse 'ב' and verses י"א-י"ב.

Explain what these verses can teach us about God's role in directing the historical events they mention. (4 points)

### **Prophet and Prophecy**

7. Read כ"ח ירמיה, Chapter 28.

Answer Item א (required).

א. (1) Read verses ב'-ד'.

Explain the Hanania Ben-Azur's prophecy. (3 points)

(2) Read verses ז'-י'.

Is God's message to Yirmiyahu consistent with Hanania's prophecy? Explain your answer based on the text. (5 points)

Answer one of the items ב-ג.

ב. (1) Read verses ח'-ה'.

Based on these verses, explain why Yirmiyahu doubts the truth of Hanania Ben-Azur's prophecy. (4 points)

(2) Read verse ט'.

According to this verse, how does Yirmiyahu propose to test the truth of Hanania's prophecy? (4 points)

ג. Read verses ו'-ה', and verses ז'-ט'.

(1) Read verse ו' and verse ז'.

These verses describe two different reactions of Yirmiyahu to Hanania's prophecy and actions.

What are the two reactions? Explain how they show us the difficulty Yirmiyahu had in responding to Hanania's prophecy. (4 points)

(2) Read verses ח'-ט'. How does God resolve Yirmiyahu's difficulty?

Explain your answer, based on the text. (4 points)



## Law and Society

8. Read ויקרא, Chapter ט"ז, verses ט"ז-ח"ט.

Answer Item א (required).

א. Read verses ט"ז-י' and verse י"ג.

The commandments in these verses were designed to create a society that supports its weaker members.

- (1) List two commandments to farmers mentioned in verses ט"ז-י', and explain how fulfilling them helps the weaker members of society. (4 points)
- (2) Explain how fulfilling the commandment "לֹא תִלֵּין פְּעֻלַּת שְׂכִיר אֲתָךְ עַד בֹּקֶר" in verse י"ג also helps the weaker members of society. (4 points)

Answer one of the items ב-ג.

ב. Read verse ט"ז.

This verse mentions two prohibitions.

- (1) Explain these two prohibitions. What do they have in common? (4 points)
- (2) There is a warning associated with the prohibitions in verse ט"ז.  
What is this warning, and why is it mentioned after these specific prohibitions? (4 points)

ג. Read verse ח"ט.

- (1) Explain the question that the commandment "וְאַהֲבָתָ לְרֵעֶךָ כְּמוֹךָ" evokes (verse ח"ט). (4 points)
- (2) Some opinions hold that this is one of the most important commandments in the Torah.  
Explain this opinion. (4 points)

## **Psalms**

9. Read **תהלים**, Chapter ק"ל.

Answer **Item א** (required).

א. Give two examples from this psalm which tell us about the poet's distress, and explain them.

Answer one of the items ב-ג.

ב. Read verse ו'.

(1) In this verse the poet imagines himself as a guard waiting for morning.

Explain how this image expresses his confidence that God will answer him.

(4 points)

(2) Read verses ו'-ח'.

Some opinions hold that these verses show that the poet no longer feels distress.

Explain this opinion, based on the text.

(4 points)

ג. Some people have the custom of reading this verse on the Day of Atonement [Yom Kippur].

(1) Explain this custom based on verses ג'-ד'.

(4 points)

(2) Explain this custom based on verses ו'-ח'.

(4 points)

## **Books of Wisdom — Reflections on Life**

10. Read **Iyov**, Chapter ד', verses א'-ט'.

Answer **Item א** (required).

א. Read verses ג'-ה'.

According to Eliphaz, there is a difference between Iyov's past and present behavior.

Give an example from the text of Iyov's past behavior and an example of his present behavior.

Answer one of the items ב-ג.

ב. Read verses ו'-ז'.

(1) What criticism of Iyov is implied by Eliphaz in verses ו'-ז'? Explain your answer based on the text.

(4 points)

(2) What did Eliphaz want Iyov to learn from this criticism? Explain your answer based on the text.

(4 points)

ג. Read verses ח'-ט'.

(1) Eliphaz uses an agricultural image to describe the deed of a wicked person. Explain the similarity between the deed of a wicked person and a farmer's labor. Base your answer on the text.

(4 points)

(2) What message did Eliphaz want to convey to Iyov by using the parallel between the wicked person's deed and a farmer's labor? Explain and justify your answer.

(4 points)

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