

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

שימו לב: בבחינה זו יש הנחיות מיוחדות.
יש לענות על השאלות על פי הנחיות אלה.

Tanach For Olim

תנ"ך לעולים חדשים

Instructions

הוראות

א. Duration of exam: Two and a half hours

א. משך הבחינה: שתיים 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

סה"כ — 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 לעזי-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) אין להעתיק את השאלה; יש לכתוב את מספרה בלבד.

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

(2) יש להתרכז בנושא. שימו לב לכתב, לכתוב ולפסיק.

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

יש לכתוב במחברת הבחינה בלבד. יש לרשום "טיוטה" בראש כל עמוד
המשמש טיוטה.

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

כתיבת טיוטה בדפים שאינם במחברת הבחינה עלולה לגרום לפסילת
הבחינה.

Good Luck!

בהצלחה!

Questions

Part One – Bereishit (56 points)

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

For each question you choose, answer all of the items (Item א – 8 points; Items ב and ג – 10 points).

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

א. Read verses א'-י'.

(1) Why did Avraham send his servant to his homeland in Aram Naharayim [ארם נהרים]?
(2 points)

(2) Read verses ה'-ח'.

What problem does the servant raise regarding his mission, and how does he propose to deal with it?

What is Avraham's reply? (6 points)

ב. (1) Read verses י"ב-י"ד.

Based on these verses, explain why the servant asks God for a sign and what sign he asks for. (6 points)

(2) Read verses א"-כ"ז.

Note one fact mentioned in these verses that made the servant think that he had succeeded in his mission.

Base your answer on the text. (4 points)

ג. Read verses י"ז-כ', and also **בראשית**, Chapter כ"ז, verses ה'-י"ז.

(1) Both these passages indicate that Rivka made an effort for the sake of the servant and for the sake of her son Yaakov.

Give one example from verses י"ז-כ' of the effort she made for the servant, and one example from **בראשית**, Chapter כ"ז, verses ה'-י"ז, of the effort she made for her son Yaakov (a total of two examples).

Explain each of your examples. (6 points)

(2) Do you think that Rivka's behavior is positive or negative in each of these passages? Explain your answer. (4 points)

2. Read **בראשית**, Chapter ל"ז, verses א'-י"א, and verses ל"א-ל"ד.

א. Read verses א'-ח'.

(1) What was the brothers' attitude toward Yosef? Base your answer on the text. (2 points)

(2) List two reasons for the brothers' attitude toward Yosef. (6 points)

ב. Read verses י'-י"ה.

List two differences between Yosef's two dreams that show that Yosef's status in the second dream (verse ט') is higher than his status in the first dream. Explain your answer.

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

Some interpretations of the story in verses ל"א-ל"ב view it as a hint to a punishment inflicted on Yaakov, "measure for measure" ["מידה כנגד מידה"], for his behavior toward his father, as described in **בראשית**, Chapter כ"ז, verses ט'-כ"ג.

Explain how the use of the word "גדי" and the expression "שעיר עזים" in these passages might support this interpretation.

Base your answer on both passages.

3. Read **בראשית**, Chapter מ"ה, verses ט'-ט"ו.

א. In verses א'-ג' Yosef reveals his identity to his brothers.

(1) What is the brothers' reaction when Yosef reveals his identity? Base your answer on the text. (3 points)

(2) Read verses ד'-ה'.

Note one thing that Yosef says to his brothers, and explain how this might have helped to reassure them. (5 points)

ב. Read verses ו'-ח'.

(1) In these verses Yosef repeatedly says that "שלחני אלהים" ["God sent me"].

Explain what outlook Yosef's statement expresses. (6 points)

(2) Even according to this outlook, the brothers are responsible for their actions.

Explain this statement. (4 points)

ג. Read verses א'-ב', and verse ד'.

(1) Now read a passage from Yehuda's speech in **בראשית**, Chapter מ"ד, verses ז'-כ"ז.

Based on these verses, explain why Yosef cries in **בראשית**, Chapter מ"ה, verse ב'.

(5 points)

(2) Chapter מ"ה, verse י"ד, describes how Yosef bursts into tears once again.

Explain why he cries this time.

(5 points)

Part Two – Shemot (28 points)

Answer one of the questions 4-5.

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

4. Read שמות, Chapter 'ג, verses 'א-כ'.

א. Read verses 'א-י'.

(1) God is revealed to Moshe through a miracle. Explain what this miracle is. (4 points)

(2) What mission does God assign to Moshe? (4 points)

ב. Read verses י'ט-י"ז.

(1) Moshe uses two arguments to reject the mission assigned to him.

Explain each of his arguments. (6 points)

(2) Moshe argues with God and is hesitant to accept his assigned role as a leader.

Does this behavior attest to his ability to be a worthy leader?

Explain your answer. (4 points)

ג. Read verse י"ג-ט"ו and verses י"ז-י"ח, and then read שמות, Chapter 'ב, verses י"ג-ט"ו.

(1) The incident described in שמות, Chapter 'ב, verses י"ג-ט"ו, might explain Moshe's concern about leading the children of Israel. Explain this statement. (5 points)

(2) God encourages Moshe to lead the children of Israel.

Bring one proof for this statement from Chapter 'ג, verses 'א-כ'.

Explain this proof. (5 points)

5. Read שמות, Chapter י"ד, verses 'א-ז', verses 'ט-כ', and verses 'ל"א-כ"ו.

א. Read verses 'א-ז'.

Why does Paro [פרעה] decide to pursue the children of Israel?

Give two reasons, based on these verses.

ב. Read verses 'ט-כ'.

(1) What are the two functions of the pillar of cloud [עמוד הענן]? (6 points)

(2) Give one proof that the pillar of cloud performed its function. (4 points)

ג. Read verse 'ב and verses 'ל"א-כ"ו.

(1) God commanded the children of Israel to set up camp by the sea, so that He could carry out His plan. What was this plan? (4 points)

(2) Read verse י' and verses 'ל"א-כ"ו.

What was the goal of God's plan? Was this goal achieved?

Explain your answer. (6 points)

Part Three – Chosen Topics (16 points)

Answer one of the questions 6-10.

For the question you choose, answer Item א, which is **required** (8 points), and either Item ב or Item ג (8 points).

The Return to Zion (שיבת ציון)

6. Read נחמיה, Chapter ה'.

Answer Item א (required).

א. Read verses ה'-ה'.

These verses describe bitter complaints brought by the people.

Explain two of these complaints. At whom were they directed?

Answer either Item ב or Item ג.

ב. (1) Read verses ז'-ז'.

Describe one way in which Nehemiah tried to persuade the nobles and the prefects

[הסגנים והחורים] to agree to his request. (4 points)

(2) Read verse י"ג.

The action that Nehemiah performs symbolizes the punishment due to anyone who does not honor the agreement.

What action does he perform, and what punishment is due to anyone who does not

honor the agreement? (4 points)

ג. Read verses ט'-ט'.

Nehemiah declares that his rule is better than that of his predecessors.

Bring two proofs for this statement from these verses, and explain your proofs.

Prophet and Prophecy

7. Read ירמיה, Chapter כ"ו.

Answer Item א (required).

א. Read verses ט'-ט'.

(1) The priests and prophets attack Yirmiyahu for his prophecy.

Explain why his prophecy aroused their opposition. (4 points)

(2) Explain why the place where the prophecy was proclaimed intensified their opposition to the content of the prophecy. (4 points)

Answer either Item ב or Item ג.

ב. Read verses ט'-ט'.

(1) Yirmiyahu repeats one of the arguments in his defence in verse ז' and verse ט'.

Explain this argument. (4 points)

(2) Explain two other arguments that Yirmiyahu presents in his defence. Base your answer on the text. (4 points)

ג. (1) Read verses ט'-ט'.

Explain why what the elders say about Micha the Morashtite reinforces what the princes and all the people say in verse ט'.

(4 points)

(2) Read verses כ'-כ'.

Explain why the story about Uriyahu ben Shemayahu highlights the dangerous situation facing Yirmiyahu. (4 points)

Law and Society

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

Answer **Item א** (required).

א. (1) Read verses ג'-י"ג.

Explain two laws that are designed to protect the weaker members of society. (5 points)

(2) Read verses ג'-י"ח.

Explain why the expression "אני ה'" is repeated specifically regarding laws designed to protect the weaker members of society (3 points)

Answer either Item ב or Item ג.

ב. Read verse ט"ז.

(1) Explain what the two forbidden actions mentioned in this verse have in common.

(5 points)

(2) Some opinions explain the word "עֵנִי" as referring to a person who does not understand a certain matter.

Explain the prohibition "וְלֹכְנֵי עֵנִי לֹא תִתֵּן מִקֶּשֶׁל" according to this opinion. (3 points)

ג. "וְאֶהְבֶּתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כְּמוֹךָ" (verse ח')

(1) There is a difficulty inherent in this demand. Explain what this difficulty is. (5 points)

(2) Hillel explained the verse as follows:

"מה ששנוא עליך אל תעשה לחברך - זו היא כל התורה כולה" ["What is hateful to you, do not do to another – this is the entire Torah"] (Talmud Bavli, **Shabbat**, 31a)

Explain how Hillel's interpretation reduces the scope of the demand in verse ח'.

(3 points)

Tehillim [Psalms]

9. Read **תהלים**, Chapter ק"ד.

Answer **Item א** (required).

א. (1) Read verses ט'-ט"ז.

List two human foods that are mentioned in these verses. (4 points)

(2) Explain what benefit people derive from each of these two foods. (4 points)

Answer either Item ב or Item ג.

ב. Read verses י'-י"ג and verse ט"ז.

According to the description in these verses, the different elements in the world complement each other.

Use two examples from the description of water to support this statement.

ג. Read verses ט'-כ"ו.

"כ"ד" (verse כ"ד) "מה רבו מעשיו ה', בָּלֵם בְּחִכְמָה עֲשִׂיתָ"

Give two examples from these verses that demonstrate that the world was created wisely.

Literature of Wisdom – Thoughts about Life [ספרות החוכמה – הרהורים על החיים]

10. Read איוב, Chapter 'א.

Answer Item א (required).

א. Read verses 'ח-א.

In these verses, Iyov's righteousness is mentioned by two witnesses.

(1) Who mentions Iyov's righteousness in verse 'א, and who mentions it in verse 'ח?

(4 points)

(2) Iyov was fully rewarded for his righteousness.

Bring two proofs from these verses to support this statement.

(4 points)

Answer either Item ב or Item ג.

ב. (1) Read verses ח'-י"א.

Based on these verses, explain Satan's claim regarding Iyov's righteousness. (4 points)

(2) Read verses כ'-כ"א.

Was Satan's claim correct? Explain your answer and base it on these verses. (4 points)

ג. Read verses י"ג-ט"ט.

The purpose of the disasters that Iyov experienced one after the other was to increase his suffering.

Bring two proofs from these verses to support this statement, and explain these proofs.

Good Luck!

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