

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

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) 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, לכתיב ולפיסוק.

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

כתבו במחברת הבחינה בלבד, רשמו "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 the items (Item א – 8 points; Items ב and ג – 10 points).

1. Read בראשית, Chapter כ"ב, verses י"ט–א'.

א. Read verses י"ט–א'.

The word "הנני" [Here I am] appears in verses א', ז', and ט"א.

- (1) Explain the dilemma that Avraham is experiencing between "הנני" in verse א' and "הנני" in verse ז'. (4 points)
- (2) How is Avraham's dilemma resolved in verse י"ב, and what message does God's angel convey to Avraham in this verse? Explain your answer. (4 points)

ב. Read verse ג'.

This verse lists the actions that Avraham performed.

- (1) Name two of Avraham's actions mentioned in this verse. (4 points)
- (2) Explain how these actions performed by Avraham may indicate Avraham's emotional state and his faith in God. (6 points)

ג. Read verses ז'–ח'.

- (1) What did Yitzhak ask his father, and what emotion that Yitzhak was experiencing does his question reveal? Explain your answer. (5 points)
- (2) Did Yitzhak receive a reply to his question from his father? Explain your answer. (5 points)

2. Read בראשית, Chapter מ"ב, verses כ"ב–ה'.

א. Read verses ה'–ד'.

- (1) What does Yosef accuse his brothers of? (2 points)
- (2) List two arguments presented by the brothers in these verses to contradict Yosef's accusation, and explain these arguments. (6 points)

ב. Read verses י"ד–כ'.

- (1) What decision did Yosef make about his brothers at their first meeting, and what did he decide three days later? (6 points)
- (2) How might his declaration "את האלוהים אני ירא" [I fear God] (verse י"ח) explain his change of mind? (4 points)

ג. Now read בראשית, Chapter ל"ז, verses כ"ה–ג'.

- (1) What new information is mentioned in the brothers' statement in בראשית, Chapter מ"ב, verses כ"א–כ"ב, but is not mentioned in the story of the sale of Yosef in בראשית, Chapter ל"ז, verses כ"ה–כ"ג? (6 points)
- (2) Bring proof from Chapter מ"ב, verse כ"א, that the brothers regretted their actions towards Yosef, and explain this proof. (4 points)

3. Read בראשית, Chapter מ"ה, verses י"ג–א'.

א. Read verses ג'–א'.

- (1) In these verses Yosef reacts to Yehuda's speech (in בראשית, Chapter מ"ד, verses ח"ל–י"ח).
What is Yosef's reaction, and what expression emphasizes the intensity of his reaction?
Bring support for your answer and explain the expression used here. (4 points)
- (2) What was the brothers' reaction when they realized that the Egyptian speaking to them was Yosef, and why did they react in this way? (4 points)

ב. Read verses ח'–ד'.

Yosef's words of reassurance to his brothers express the outlook that everything happens in accordance with God's wishes and plans.

Bring two arguments presented by Yosef in these verses that express this outlook, and explain how these arguments could reassure the brothers.

ג. Read בראשית, Chapter מ"ה, verses ט'–י"ג, and also בראשית, Chapter כ"ד, verses ח'–ד'.

- (1) In בראשית, Chapter כ"ד, verses ח'–ד', what did Avraham request of his servant, and what did Avraham warn his servant against? (4 points)
- (2) How does Avraham's warning to his servant highlight the difficulty in Yosef's request from his brothers in בראשית, Chapter מ"ה, verses ח'–ד'? Explain your answer. (6 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 י"ט, verses 'ט–'א.

א. Read verses 'ט–'ד.

These verses mention things that God did for the People of Israel.

- (1) Explain two of the things that God did for the People of Israel. (4 points)
- (2) In your opinion, for what purpose are these things mentioned specifically on this occasion? (4 points)

ב. Verses 'ט–'א describe the covenant between God and the people.

- (1) What does God promise the people, and on what condition will He keep His promise? Base your answer on the text. (6 points)
- (2) Bring proof that the people accepted the covenant of their own free will and without coercion. Explain your answer. (4 points)

ג. Read שמות, Chapter י"ט, verse 'ט, and then שמות, Chapter כ', verses ט"ז–ט"ח.

- (1) Based on שמות, Chapter י"ט, verse 'ט, explain the two purposes for which God revealed Himself to Moshe. (6 points)
- (2) Now read שמות, Chapter כ', verses ט"ז–ט"ח. Bring proof that one of these purposes was achieved, and explain what brought this about. (4 points)

5. Read שמות, Chapter ל"ד, verses 'א–ט"ז and verses ח"ה–ל"ה.

א. Read verses 'ט–ט"ז.

In these verses, God agrees to Moshe's request and renews His covenant with the people.

- (1) Give one commitment that God made to the people in the renewed covenant, and explain this commitment. (4 points)
- (2) Give one commitment that was required of the people, and explain it. (4 points)

ב. (1) Read verse 'ט and verses 'ח–'ט.

In verse 'ט, God is referred to as "אל רחום וחנון" ["merciful and gracious God"]. Explain how these attributes are expressed in Moshe's appeal. (4 points)

- (2) Now read שמות, Chapter ל"ד, verses י"ד–י"ז. Explain how these divine attributes are expressed in these verses. (6 points)

ג. Read שמות, Chapter ל"ד, verses ח"ה–ל"ה.

- (1) These verses present Moshe as a superhuman being. Bring two proofs to support this statement, and explain each proof. (6 points)
- (2) Bring proof that, despite his elevated status, Moshe accepts God's authority. Explain your proof. (4 points)

Part Three – Chosen Topics (16 points)

Answer one of the questions 6–10 (each question – 16 points).

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 עזרא, Chapter ג.

Answer Item א (required).

א. Read verses 'ג–'א and also verses 'ח–'ז.

These passages describe actions connected with the building of the Second Temple
[בית המקדש השני].

- (1) Give one action that the returnees to Zion carried out in verses 'ג–'א and one action they carried out in verses 'ח–'ז that were connected with the building of the Second Temple.
(4 points)
- (2) Explain the purpose of these actions.
(4 points)

Answer either Item ב or Item ג.

ב. Read verses 'ד–'ה.

- (1) Bring proof that, despite the exile to Bavel, the returnees to Zion managed to maintain their identity. Explain your answer.
(4 points)
- (2) Now read בראשית, Chapter מ"א, verses ט"ז–מ"ה.
When Yosef went down to Egypt and became viceroy, did he manage to maintain his identity in Egypt? Explain, and base your answer on the text.
(4 points)

ג. Verses י"א–י"ג describe the different reactions of the people during the dedication of the Second Temple.

- (1) Who were the two groups who reacted differently during the dedication of the Second Temple?
(2 points)
- (2) Describe the difference between the reactions of each group, and explain the reason why their reactions were different.
(6 points)

Prophet and Prophecy

7. Read ירמיה, Chapter ל"א, verses ל"ה-ל"ו.

Answer Item א (required).

- א. (1) Read verse ל"ו. What are the People of Israel promised after they return from exile?
Explain your answer. (4 points)
- (2) What promise is made to the next generation in verses ל"ה-כ"ט, and how is it supposed to comfort the people? Explain your answer. (4 points)

Answer either Item ב or Item ג.

- ב. Verses ל"ה-ל"ג describe a new covenant [ברית] that God will make with His people.
- (1) List two differences between the previous covenant and this new covenant, and explain each difference. Bring support for your answer. (4 points)
- (2) Bring proof from verse ל"ב that the people do not have free choice regarding the new covenant. Explain your answer. (4 points)
- ג. Read verses ל"ה-ל"ד.
- (1) What does God promise in verse ל"ה? (4 points)
- (2) Explain how the promise in verse ל"ה is related to the laws of nature and the content of verse ל"ד. (4 points)

Law and Society

8. Read דברים, Chapter כ"ד, verses כ"ב-כ"ג.

Answer Item א (required).

- א. (1) What does the Lawgiver [המחוקק] require of the lender in verse כ"ב and what does the Lawgiver require of the lender in verse כ"ג? (4 points)
- (2) For what purpose is the name of God mentioned in verse כ"ג? Explain and bring support for your answer. (4 points)

Answer either Item ב or Item ג.

- ב. Read verses כ"ג-כ"ט.
- (1) Whom is the Lawgiver addressing in these verses, and what is His demand in verse כ"ט? Explain your answer. (4 points)
- (2) What is the social-moral reason for this law, and what is the religious reason? Base your answer on the text. (4 points)
- ג. Read verses כ"ב-כ"ג.
- (1) How does the Lawgiver take care of the poor in these verses? Give one example to support your answer, and explain this example. (4 points)
- (2) Explain one purpose in mentioning the people's slavery in Egypt in verse כ"ב. (4 points)

Tehillim [Psalms]

9. Read תהלים, Chapter ק"ל.

Answer Item א (required).

א. Read verses 'א-ב' and 'ז-ח'.

- (1) Verses 'א-ב' refer to the poet's distress. What is this distress, and how does he deal with it? Explain and base your answer on the text. (4 points)
- (2) Based on verses 'ז-ח', explain how the poet's distress is relieved. Base your answer on the text. (4 points)

Answer either Item ב or Item ג.

- ב.** (1) According to verse 'ד, what attribute [תכונה] of God can help a person who is experiencing trouble and distress? Base your answer on the text. (4 points)
 - (2) Based on verses 'ג-ד', explain how this attribute can bring a believer closer to God. (4 points)
- ג.** Read verses 'ג and 'ו.
- (1) What question does the poet ask God in verse 'ג, and what message does he convey with this question? (4 points)
 - (2) To whom does the poet compare himself in verse 'ו, and why? Explain your answer. (4 points)

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

10. Read איוב, Chapter א.

Answer Item א (required).

א. Read verses א'–ה'.

- (1) Give two examples to support the claim that the image of Iyov portrayed in verses א'–ד' is clearly exaggerated. (4 points)
- (2) Bring support from verse ה' for the claim that Iyov was righteous because he was afraid of God. (4 points)

Answer either Item ב or Item ג.

ב. (1) Read איוב, Chapter א, verses ט"ז–א"א, and also איוב, Chapter ב, verses ד'–ה'.

In Chapter א, what does Satan claim is the real reason for Iyov's righteousness?

In Chapter ב, what does Satan claim is the real reason? Explain your answers and base them on the text. (4 points)

(2) Read איוב, Chapter א, verses י"א–י"ב, and also איוב, Chapter ב, verses ח'–ה'.

In your opinion, which was the more difficult test to which God and Satan subjected Iyov? Bring support for your answer and base it on the text. (4 points)

ג. Read verses י"ג–כ"א.

(1) Give two examples from these verses that show that God was involved in the disasters that Iyov experienced, and explain each example. (4 points)

(2) Read verse כ"א.

Explain how Iyov's words in verse כ"א demonstrate his absolute faith in God.

(4 points)

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