

Oral Torah

Laws — for *Olim*

תורה שבעל פה

דינים לעולים

Instructions

א. Duration of exam: One and a half hours

ב. Exam structure and breakdown of points:

Part One — (4×16) — 64 points

Part Two — (3×12) — 36 points

Total — 100 points

ג. Material that may be used during the exam:

A Hebrew-other language / other language-Hebrew
dictionary

ד. Special instructions: None

Write in the answer booklet only. Write "טיוטה" at the top of each draft page. If you use draft paper outside the answer booklet, your exam may be disqualified.

Good Luck!

הוראות

א. משך הבחינה: שעה וחצי.

ב. מבנה השאלון ומפתח ההערכה:

פרק ראשון — (16×4) — 64 נקודות

פרק שני — (12×3) — 36 נקודות

סך הכול — 100 נקודות

ג. חומר עזר מותר בשימוש:

מילון עברי-לועזי / לועזי-עברי.

ד. הוראות מיוחדות: אין.

יש לכתוב במחברת הבחינה בלבד. יש לרשום "טיוטה" בראש כל עמוד המשמש טיוטה. כתיבת טיוטה בדפים שאינם במחברת הבחינה עלולה לגרום לפסילת הבחינה.

בהצלחה!

Questions

Part One (64 points)

Answer four of the questions 1-6 (each question – 16 points).

1. Prayer [תפילה]

- א. (1) With what blessing do *Pesukei dezimra* [פסוקי דזמרא] begin, and with what blessing do *Pesukei dezimra* end?
(2) What is the central psalm recited in *Pesukei dezimra*?
(6 points)
- ב. (1) In the Amidah prayer, we bow four times. List two points at which we bow.
(2) When does the congregation [ציבור] bow during the repetition of the Amidah [חזרת הש"ץ]?
(6 points)
- ג. List two sections of the prayers recited toward the end of the service (between the end of the repetition of the Amidah and the end of the service).
(4 points)

2. Shabbat [שבת]

- א. (1) What two blessings do we recite in Kiddush?
(2) Why do we have the custom of covering the hallot [חלות]?
(6 points)
- ב. Explain the principle of "אין קידוש אלא במקום סעודה" [lit: There is no Kiddush except at the place of a meal].
(4 points)
- ג. (1) Why is it forbidden to do something on a holy day in preparation for a weekday [להכין מקודש לחול]?
(2) Are you permitted to study on Shabbat for a test in the Oral Torah [תושב"ע]? Why?
(6 points)

3. Festivals – Sukkot [מועדים – סוכות]

- א. (1) What do we commemorate by observing the commandment of sukkah? List two reasons for observing this commandment.
(2) List two conditions that must be met for the sukkah covering [סכך] to be halachically acceptable [כשר].
(10 points)
- ב. (1) Name the Four Species [ארבעת המינים].
(2) When observing this commandment on Sukkot, when do we shake the Four Species?
Give one answer.
(6 points)

4. Festivals – Pesach [מועדים – פסח]

- א. (1) What date is the Fast of the Firstborn [תענית בכורות]?
(2) What is the reason for the Fast of the Firstborn?
(3) What do we customarily do nowadays on the Fast of the Firstborn?
(8 points)
- ב. Why is it forbidden to eat matzah on Erev Pesach?
(2 points)
- ג. (1) Why is it forbidden on Pesach to use dishes that we eat from during the rest of the year?
(2) Explain the principle "כבולעו כך פולטו" [lit. as it absorbs it, so it releases it] with regard to making dishes kosher for Pesach [בהכשרת כלים לפסח].
(6 points)

5. Kashrut [כשרות]

- א. (1) What type of food and drink is one permitted to buy in a store that does not have a kashrut certificate? Explain.
(2) Why is it preferable nevertheless to buy in a store that has a kashrut certificate?
(3) List two things it is important to check on the kashrut certificate of a wedding hall.
(10 points)
- ב. If a person wants to eat meat after eating dairy food, what must he or she do? List two actions.
(6 points)

6. Between Man and G-d [בין אדם למקום]

- א. (1) What is the commandment of the "redemption of the son" [*pidyon haben* – פדיין הבן]?
(2) What is the reason for this commandment?
(7 points)
- ב. (1) List two conditions required for performing the commandment of the "redemption of the son".
(6 points)
(2) How many days after birth is the "redemption of the son" performed?
(3 points)

Part Two (36 points)

Answer three of the questions 7-11 (each question – 12 points).

7. Basics of the Oral Torah [יסודות תורה שבעל פה]

- א. What is the name of the book of Jewish law written by Rambam?
(2 points)
- ב. (1) Name two of the four parts of the *Shulhan Aruch* [שולחן ערוך].
(2) Which community's [עדה] customs are written in the *Shulhan Aruch*, and which community's customs are written in the *Hagahot Ha'Rema* [glosses of the Rema – אגהות הרמ"א]?
(8 points)
- ג. Name a digital knowledge base that you know of.
(2 points)

8. Prayer [תפילה]

- א. The Amidah prayer [תפילת שמונה עשרה] is composed of three sections.
(1) List these three sections.
(2) Name one blessing from each section.
(12 points)

9. Blessings [ברכות]

- א. (1) Before eating what quantity of food must we recite a blessing [ברכה ראשונה]?
(2) After eating what quantity of food must we recite a blessing [ברכה אחרונה]?
(5 points)
- ב. (1) After eating which foods do we recite the blessing "*me'en shalosh*" [ברכה מעין שלוש]?
(2) Why is this blessing called "*me'en shalosh*"?
(7 points)

10. Shabbat [שבת]

- א. The Sages define three levels of illness with regard to Shabbat. List two of them.
For each of these levels, write one act that we are permitted to perform on Shabbat or one act that we are forbidden to perform on Shabbat.
(6 points)
- ב. List two conditions that make it permissible to place food on the hot plate on Shabbat.
(6 points)

11. Festivals – Ta'anit Esther (Fast of Esther) and Purim [מועדים – תענית אסתר ופורים]

- א. (1) What does the Fast of Esther [תענית אסתר] commemorate?
(2) If the Fast of Esther falls on Shabbat, on what day do we fast?
(5 points)
- ב. (1) Name two festivals on which we add "*Al hanissim*" ["על הניסים"] in the prayers and in Birkat Hamazon.
(2) Why do we not recite Hallel on Purim?
(7 points)

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