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תורה שבעל פה

בית, חינוך ומשפחה – שאלון לעולים חדשים

על פי תוכנית הרפורמה ללמידה משמעותית

Instructions for examinees

א. Duration of exam: One and a half hours

ב. Exam structure and breakdown of points:

This exam has three parts.

Part One – (4 x 16) – 64 points

Part Two

or : } – (3 x 12) – 36 points

Part Three

Total – 100 points

ג. Material that may be used during the exam:

Hebrew-other language / other language-
Hebrew dictionary.

ד. Special instructions: none

Write in the answer booklet only, on separate pages, everything you wish to write as a draft (outlines, calculations, etc). Write "טייטה" at the head of each draft page. If you use draft paper other than the pages in the answer booklet, your exam may be disqualified!

Good Luck!

הוראות לנבחן

א. משך הבחינה: שעה וחצי.

ב. מבנה השאלון ומפתח ההערכה:

בשאלון זה שלושה פרקים.

פרק ראשון – (16x4) – 64 נקודות

פרק שני
או: } – (12x3) – 36 נקודות
פרק שלישי

סה"כ – 100 נקודות

ג. חומר עזר מותר בשימוש:

מילון עברי-לועזי / לועזי-עברי.

ד. הוראות מיוחדות: אין.

כתוב במחברת הבחינה בלבד, בעמודים נפרדים, כל מה שברצונך לכתוב כטייטה

(ראשי פרקים, חישובים וכדומה).

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למחברת הבחינה עלול לגרום לפסילת הבחינה!

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Questions

Part One (64 points)

Answer four of the questions 1-5 (each question – 16 points).

1. "Two are Better than One" ["טובים השניים מן האחד"]

א. (1) "הקשר הטוב בין איש ואשתו יהיה כאשר שניהם יגיעו למעלת הנתינה"

(Rav Eliyahu Dessler, *Michtav me'Eliyahu*)

In your own words, explain Rav Eliyahu Dessler's statement.

(2) What advice does Rav Eliyahu Dessler give a couple on their wedding day?

(8 points)

ב. (1) When has a man fulfilled his obligation with regard to the commandment of "Be fruitful and multiply" ["פרו ורבו"]? Give the opinion of Beit Shammai and the opinion of Beit Hillel.

(2) Why are women exempt from the commandment of "פרו ורבו"?

(8 points)

2. Instincts and Creation [יצר ויצירה]

א. According to the Midrash, the evil inclination [יצר הרע] is "very good".

Explain why the evil inclination is "very good".

(4 points)

ב. (1) Explain what the prohibition of *yihud* [ייחוד] is and what the reason for this prohibition is.

(2) List two situations in which a boy and girl are permitted to be together without transgressing the prohibition of *yihud*.

(12 points)

3. Kiddushin and Nissuin [קידושין ונישואין]

א. (1) What does the term *shidduchin* [שידוכין] refer to?

(2) Why did the Sages forbid a man from marrying a woman without *shidduchin*?

(8 points)

ב. What is the act known as *huppah* [חופה]? Give two opinions.

(8 points)

4. A Man's Commitments to his Wife [מחויבויות שבין איש לאשתו]

- א. (1) Explain what a *ketubah* [כתובה] is. List two situations in which a woman receives the sum of money written in the *ketubah*.
- (2) The Sages ruled that the sum of money to be written in the *ketubah* is two hundred *zuz*. Why was this sum of money chosen?
(10 points)
- ב. At what stage of the wedding ceremony is the *ketubah* customarily read, and why is it customary to read it at this stage?
(6 points)

5. Obligations in the Parent-Child Relationship [חובות ביחסי הורים וילדים]

- א. (1) If a person sees his father transgressing a commandment, how should he draw his father's attention to this transgression, and why should he do so in this particular manner?
(2) Give one reason for the commandment to honor one's parents [כיבוד הורים].
(9 points)
- ב. According to the Gemara, a father is obliged to support his children until they are six years old. The Chief Rabbinate of Israel saw the need to define different ages: Before the establishment of the State, it ruled that a father is obliged to support his children until the age of fifteen, and later ruled that he is obliged to support them until the age of eighteen. Give two reasons for these changes made by the Chief Rabbinate.
(7 points)

Answer questions in Part Two or Part Three, according to the material you studied.

Part Two (36 points)

If you studied **Chapters 1-11 of the booklet**, answer three of the questions 6-9 (each question – 12 points).

6. Establishing the Home and Onah [בניית הבית ומצוות עונה]

- א. The importance of domestic harmony [שלום בית] is expressed in the Torah and in the words of the Sages.

Give one example that demonstrates its importance and explain this example.

(6 points)

- ב. The name of G-d appears in the words איש and אשה.

(1) Where does the name of G-d appear in these words?

(2) What can we learn about the bond between man and wife from the fact that G-d's name appears in these words?

(6 points)

7. Purity and Impurity [טומאה וטהרה]

- א. (1) "נתן הקדוש ברוך הוא שלוש מצוות לנשים, שיהיו הן עיקר בהן אף על פי ששייכות גם באנשים"

(Rav Yosef Haim, *Ben Ish Hai*)

In which three commandments do women play a central role ["הן עיקר בהן"]?

(2) Which of these three commandments is more applicable to women, and why?

(8 points)

- ב. Rabbi Akiva ruled that a woman can beautify herself, put on makeup, and wear fine clothes during the days when she is *niddah* [נידה].

Explain Rabbi Akiva's reason for this ruling.

(4 points)

8. Hair-covering [כיסוי ראש]

- א. A married woman is obligated to cover her hair.

What is the biblical obligation [החייב מן התורה], and what did the Sages add to this obligation?

(7 points)

- ב. Give one explanation for the obligation of a married woman to cover her hair.

(5 points)

9. Short Questions

Briefly answer three of the items א to ט (each item – 4 points).

- א. Why are boys and girls forbidden to swim in the sea together, even if the girls are fully clothed? Give one reason.
- ב. According to the Sages, the best age for marriage is eighteen. However, Rav Elisha Aviner has written that nowadays it is better to marry at a later age.
Why is it better to marry at a later age nowadays? Give one reason.
- ג. What is the importance of *onah* [מצוות עונה]? Give one reason.
- ד. For a man to divorce his wife, why is it necessary to write a document [שטר] and a verbal declaration is insufficient? Give one reason.

Answer questions in Part Two or Part Three, according to the material you studied.

Part Three (36 points)

If you studied **Chapters 1-6, 10-14 of the booklet**, answer three of the questions 10-13 (each question – 12 points).

10. Establishing the Home [בניית הבית]

- א. "לעולם יהא אדם זהיר באונאת אשתו" (Bava Metzia 59a)

Explain this sentence. Why did the Sages caution a man to be particularly careful of "אונאת אשתו"?

(6 points)

- ב. The importance of domestic harmony [שלום בית] is expressed in the Torah and in the words of the Sages. Give one example that demonstrates its importance and explain this example.

(6 points)

11. Family Conduct [התנהלותה של משפחה]

- א. Explain why it is important to fix specific times for learning Torah [לקבוע עיתים (= זמנים) לתורה]. (4 points)

- ב. (1) "פן תאכל ושבעת" (דברים, ח', י"ב)

If a person has succeeded in business and earned a lot of money, what might he misguidedly think?

- (2) "וזכרת את ה' א-להיך כי הוא הנותן לך כח לעשות חיל" (דברים, ח', י"ח)

Explain what we learn from this verse regarding a person's success.

(8 points)

12. "Fenced in with Lilies" – Closeness and Distance in Married Life

[סוגה בשושנים – קרבה וריחוק בחיי הזוגיות]

- א. (1) What is the purpose of the laws of separation [דיני ההרחקות] while a woman is *niddah* [נידה]?

- (2) Rabbi Akiva ruled that a woman can beautify herself, put on makeup, and wear fine clothes during the days when she is *niddah*.

Explain Rabbi Akiva's reason for this ruling.

(6 points)

- ב. "הגבורה של הנער הצעיר עולה על גבורת אלכסנדר מוקדון ונפוליאון" (Rav Yosef Dov Soloveitchik)

What is the fortitude [גבורה] of "הנער הצעיר", and how is it demonstrated?

(6 points)

13. Short Questions

Briefly answer three of the items א to ז (each item – 4 points).

- א. Why are boys and girls forbidden to swim in the sea together, even if the girls are fully clothed? Give one reason.

- ב. For a man to divorce his wife, why is it necessary to write a document [שטר] and a verbal declaration is insufficient? Give one reason.

- ג. What is the importance of *onah* [מצוות עונה]? Give one reason.

- ז. Why is it important for a bride and groom to receive counseling before their marriage?

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