

SECTION A AND SECTION B:

The essay and letter questions were well answered, and candidates generally displayed a good command of the language.

SECTION C (COMPREHENSION)

Candidates coped well with the passage and the questions.

QUESTION 2:

Many candidates did not begin with the literal explanation of the quotation before analysing its significance.

QUESTION 3:

Some candidates did not answer this in full, and implied that Ilan Ramon was selected simply because he wanted to be an astronaut.

QUESTION 4: d

Very few candidates related at all to the fact that the child's drawing was of the moon, and that in a sense, Ramon was fulfilling their fantasies, and also going to a place beyond the horrors of their daily lives.

SECTION D (Translation from Hebrew to English)

Most candidates succeeded well, and were able to guess the meanings of unfamiliar words from the context.

SECTION E

Generally the translations were done successfully. The sentences were translated well on the whole.

The following items proved challenging in some cases:

1.1.1 "to be quiet = lishtok", "to pay attention = lasim lev".

2.1 "The Torah begins" (Matchila), "the Jewish people = am Yisrael, ha-am hayehudi, (not anashim.)", "warned", "unless", "repented". Sacrifices = korbanot (not korbanim), "Psalms", "Oral Torah", "second/first century- hameah hashniyah)

SECTION A

QUESTION 1 b:

Most candidates gave only one answer out of a possible two.

QUESTION 2:

Candidates were asked to give Rashi's explanations, but many failed to do so.

QUESTION 4:

Candidates did not answer accurately, i.e. that G-d gave Abraham and Isaac time to think about what they were to do. Many candidates simply referred to the notion of free choice.

QUESTION 5:

Few candidates answered this question correctly.

QUESTION 6:

Many candidates did not explain clearly that there are no other gods, but only idols.

QUESTION 10:

Candidates did not explain that this law applies to Jewish people, or those living in Jewish homes, and very few explained why even animals should rest on the Sabbath.

QUESTION 11

Some candidates did not explain that the reason given for the Sabbath in the Book of Shmot, was in order to remember the creation of the world.

QUESTION 12:

Most candidates answered this well. However, some candidates combined the answers to Sections b and c, and thus repeated themselves.

SECTION B-D

These sections were all answered well. It was surprising that no one chose to answer the question on Isaiah.