Classical Hebrew Extension
Sample HSC Examination Questions

Decisions made by the Board of Studies in December 2008 have resulted in changes to some HSC examinations in 2010 and beyond.

In the Classical Hebrew Extension HSC examination in 2010 and beyond:
• Section I, Part A will consist of short-answer questions on the prescribed texts to the value of 20 marks
• Section I, Part B will be an extended–response question based on an extract or extracts from one or more of the prescribed texts, worth 10 marks
• The total number of marks in Section I is reduced from 35 marks to 30 marks. Section II will now be worth 20 marks and will include grammar questions on unseen texts.

The following sample questions provide examples of extended–response questions based on extracts. The extended–response questions reflect the style of question that could be used in Section I of HSC examinations from 2010. There will be only ONE extended–response question in Section I. These sample questions provide teachers and students with guidance as to the sort of questions to expect, although they are not meant to be prescriptive. That is, each year the questions may focus on different syllabus outcomes and vary in the number of extracts used.
Using the extract provided as a basis, discuss Isaiah’s religious philosophy.
Example 2 (10 marks)

Read the extract, then answer in ENGLISH the question that follows.

Megillah: 19b
Example 2 (continued)

Discuss the concept of obligation under the law and the various categories of people who, from time to time, are exempt from particular obligations.

In your answer, make specific reference to the extract provided.