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Examination in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies for the Degree of
Master of Philosophy

Thursday 30 May 2019 1.30 to 4.30 pm

Paper HEB11

Hebrew and Semitic Studies: Methodology

*Answer **four** of the following questions.*

*Write your number **not** your name on the cover sheet of **each** answer
booklet.*

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

20 page answer booklet

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAMINATION

None

**You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent
pages of this question paper until instructed to do so.**

1. Describe the vowel inventory of Tiberian Hebrew in relation to the Proto-Semitic inventory of vowels [25 marks].
2. Describe the processes of pre-tonic (vowel) lengthening versus pre-tonic reduction in Hebrew, both separately and in relation to one another [25 marks].
3. Describe Blau's reconstruction of the development of Hebrew stress [25 marks].
4. Describe the system of Hebrew suffixed and prefixed verbal-forms, accounting (briefly) for their development in light of the notion of a Central-Semitic sub-branch [25 marks].
5. Reconstruct the morphological development of the forms of the Hebrew *Nif'al*, as described by Garr [25 marks].
6. Describe the system of verbal stems (*binyanim*) in Biblical Hebrew [25 marks].

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