DRAFT PERFORMANCE BANDS

CLASSICAL HEBREW

The typical performance in this band:

**Band 6**
- demonstrates a high level of ability in understanding the plain sense of the prescribed texts
- demonstrates a high level of ability to comment on the prescribed texts in the light of the set commentaries
- shows an advanced knowledge and understanding of the content of the prescribed texts and the social, cultural, historical and halakhic dimensions of the themes set for study
- recognises grammatical forms and demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of their function
- identifies and analyses the grammatical and syntactical features of the text with precision
- comments with flair and understanding on set Mishnaic texts, demonstrating a thorough knowledge of the set commentaries
- demonstrates an understanding of unseen Biblical texts with a thorough grasp of vocabulary and content

**Band 5**
- demonstrates a substantial level of ability in understanding the plain sense of the prescribed texts
- demonstrates competence in commenting on the prescribed texts in the light of the set commentaries
- shows a detailed knowledge and understanding of the content of the prescribed texts and the social, cultural, historical and halakhic dimensions of the themes set for study
- analyses and identifies the grammatical and syntactical features of the texts at a high level of competence. Recognises grammatical forms and demonstrates a thorough understanding of their function
- comments with accuracy and understanding on set Mishnaic texts, demonstrating a sound knowledge of the set commentaries
- demonstrates an understanding of unseen Biblical texts of greater difficulty with a good grasp of vocabulary and content

**Band 4**
- comments clearly on most of the Classical Hebrew texts and demonstrates a sound level of ability in understanding the plain sense of the prescribed texts
- demonstrates adequate knowledge in commenting on the prescribed texts in the light of the set commentaries
- shows a substantial knowledge and understanding of the content of the prescribed texts and the social, cultural, historical and halakhic dimension of the themes set for study
- recognises some of the grammatical and syntactical features of the text with a broad level of competence
- comments with understanding on set Mishnaic texts, demonstrating a reasonable knowledge of the set commentaries
- demonstrates an understanding of unseen Biblical texts with an adequate grasp of vocabulary and content

**Band 3**
- demonstrates a limited level of knowledge and understanding of the plain sense of the prescribed text
- demonstrates basic knowledge in commenting on the prescribed texts in the light of the set commentaries
- shows a limited knowledge and understanding of the content of the prescribed texts
- recognises some grammatical forms and their functions
- comments on set Mishnaic texts, demonstrating a limited knowledge of the texts and set commentaries
- demonstrates an understanding of less demanding sections of unseen Biblical texts with a basic grasp of vocabulary and content

**Band 2**
- demonstrates a superficial and elementary knowledge of the plain sense
- demonstrates some knowledge in commenting on the prescribed texts in the light of the set commentaries
- shows minimal knowledge and understanding of the content of the prescribed texts and the social, cultural, historical and halakhic dimensions of the themes set for study
- recognises some parts of grammatical forms
- comments on set Mishnaic texts, demonstrating a superficial knowledge of the texts and set commentaries
- identifies some words in unseen Biblical texts

**Band 1**