

Gold Award

Section A

Test 1(b) psalm extracts

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Psalm 25 (vv9-17)

- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth :
unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies.
- 10 For thy Name's sake, O Lord :
be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.
- 11 What man is he, that feareth the Lord :
him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.
- 12 His soul shall dwell at ease :
and his seed shall inherit the land.
- 13 The secret of the Lord is among them that fear him :
and he will shew them his covenant.
- 14 Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord :
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
- 15 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me :
for I am desolate, and in misery.
- 16 The sorrows of my heart are enlarged :
O bring thou me out of my troubles.
- 17 Look upon my adversity and misery :
and forgive me all my sin.

Psalm 32 (vv1-8)

- 1 Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven :
and whose sin is covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin :
and in whose spirit there is no guile.
- 3 For while I held my tongue :
my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.
- 4 For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night :
and my moisture is like the drought in summer.
- 5 I will acknowledge my sin unto thee :
and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
- 6 I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord :
and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.
- 7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found :
but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.
- 8 Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble :
thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

Psalm 85 (vv1-9)

- 1 Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land :
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
- 2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people :
and covered all their sins.
- 3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure :
and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

- 4 Turn us then, O God our Saviour :
and let thine anger cease from us.
- 5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever :
and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?
- 6 Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us :
that thy people may rejoice in thee?
- 7 Shew us thy mercy, O Lord :
and grant us thy salvation.
- 8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me :
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.
- 9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him :
that glory may dwell in our land.

Psalm 107 (vv31-38)

- 31 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness :
and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
- 32 That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people :
and praise him in the seat of the elders!
- 33 Who turneth the floods into a wilderness :
and drieth up the water-springs.
- 34 A fruitful land maketh he barren :
for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
- 35 Again, he maketh the wilderness a standing water :
and water-springs of a dry ground.
- 36 And there he setteth the hungry :
that they may build them a city to dwell in;
- 37 That they may sow their land, and plant vineyards :
to yield them fruits of increase.
- 38 He blesseth them, so that they multiply exceedingly :
and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Psalm 143 (vv1-8)

- 1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire :
hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.
- 2 And enter not into judgement with thy servant :
for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
- 3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground :
he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.
- 4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me :
and my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works :
yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.
- 6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee :
my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.
- 7 Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint :
hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
- 8 O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust :
shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

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