

# MASTER ANS. SHEET

JUDAIC STUDIES: 75.2

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Answer all questions in your exam booklet. Write clearly.

I. Answer all questions, in order. Write each number and, next to it, the letter that indicates the correct answer.  
(30 points)

1. An effort at reconciling Hasidim and Mitnaddim was made by:

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- a) The Besht
  - b) R. Yaa'kov Yosef
  - c) R. Shneur Zalman

2. R. Shneur Zalman, in his visit to the Gaon, was accompanied by:

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- a) R. Dov Baer of Mezeritch
  - b) R. Abraham of Kalisk
  - c) R. Menahem Mendel of vitebsk

3. The following was known as "The Hasid":

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- a) The Besht
  - b) The Gaon
  - c) The Maggid

4. Boisterousness, such as dancing during services, was practiced by the followers of:

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- a) R. Abraham of Kalisk
  - b) R. Shneur Zalman of Liadi
  - c) R. Menahem Mendel of vitebsk

5. The first ban or excommunication against the Hasidim was issued in:

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- a) 1702
  - b) 1772
  - c) 1797

6. The first ban or excommunication against the Hasidim was signed by:

- a) Saadia Gaon
- b) The Vilna Gaon
- c) neither of the above

7. R. Shneur Zalman was accused of:

- a) treason
- b) ~~theft~~
- c) bribery

8. Hasidism's triumph was complete when:  
a) movement was given full autonomy  
b) Avigdor was arrested  
c) Pope Paul I died
9. What brought about the controversy against A. Shneur Zalman?  
a) questionable handling of charity funds  
b) ambitions of Zaddikim who settled in Palestine  
c) expulsion of the Jews as a result of Russian decrees
10. A. Shneur Zalman, like the Gaon:  
a) was knowledgeable in sciences, especially math  
b) discouraged foreign languages  
c) wrote a commentary on the Zohar
11. A. Mahman of Bratzlav was born:  
a) in the days that marked the darkest despair of the movement  
b) the day the Gaon died  
c) the day of Laal Shem Tov's death
12. Who led the opposition to A. Mahman?  
a) Rabbi Loeb - Sage of Shpola  
b) Jacob Frank  
c) Rabbi Levi Yitzhak of Berditchev
13. Due to the sharp attacks against him, R. Mahman:  
a) continued to teach his doctrine ever more strongly  
b) left for Turkey  
c) apologized to his opponents
14. To A. Mahman, the correct setting for prayer is:  
a) open and scented narvels of nature  
b) closed chambers
15. The following is a correct list of opponents of Hasidim:  
a) Avigdor of Pinsk; Aaron of Jerusalem; Israel Loebel  
b) Samuel of Rodin; David Makov; Avigdor of Pinsk  
c) Israel Loebel; Avigdor of Pinsk; David Makov

II. Answer two of the following: (40 points).

- A. How does the Devekut of R. Nahman of Kossov differ from that of classical Kabbalists? *in society / in seclusion*
- B. How does the Besht (in his final stage of development) differ from R. Nahman in his theory of Devekut? *AN - dualistic*  
*B - monic (ABG)*
- C. How does R. Nahman interpret the verse  
*תמיד יהיה לך עזרה* ? *Devekut = visualization of Tetragr.*

III. Answer one of the following: (30 points).

- A. How do Lubavitch and Scholem differ in their interpretations of Hasidic devekut in relation to the natural world? *Brb - concretistic*  
*Schl - spir. y*
- B. What is the difference between the Mishnah's dictum *מחשבתו כעצמו* and the Beshtian concept of *חיות* and *חיות*? *Mish - premeditation*  
*Hm - inherent*
- C. What is the difference between the Besht and R. Menachem Mendel of Premyslyany in their views on the relationship of devekut and the study of Torah? *Mm - Div > TT*  
*B - simult.*  
*interven.*