

**University of Haifa
Department of English**

Department of English BA Entrance Examination

Instructions: The purpose of this examination is to test the applicant's ability to write an essay.

- Select **ONE** of the topics listed below.
- Write a clear essay response to the issues raised by the topic / question. Plan your essay carefully and organize your ideas logically.
- Please note that there is no "correct" response: your essay will be evaluated on the clarity of your expression in English and the effective development of your ideas.
- Your essay should be 600 words in length (2 or 2½ handwritten pages).
- You may use a dictionary.
- Number your essay according to the topic number on this questionnaire.

Write an essay of about 600 words discussing **one** of the questions below.

Please make sure that your essay is well-written and legible.

1. **“Photography is more than a medium for the factual communication of ideas. It is a creative art” (Ansel Adams).**

Nearly every person in our society has access to a camera these days, and it seems that taking pictures has never been easier or simpler. Discuss the quotation above in view of your own experience. Is photography, in your opinion, a mechanical process, a technical skill, or a form of art? Try to think about a photograph that you have personally found particularly significant and memorable, describe and discuss it to support your position.

2. **There is a growing segment of the population that has decided not to consume animal products, and both Vegetarianism and Veganism are on the rise. What, in your opinion, are the factors that contribute to this trend? What is your personal position on this issue?**

- 3. The widespread protest movement in 2011 called for social justice in Israel. How do you understand the term 'social justice'? Which aspects of life do you think that this applies to? Which aspects is the government responsible for dealing with? To what extent, and in which cases, does bringing about a just society require the government to spend money? And to the extent that it does require this, which expenditures should be given priority, and how should the government raise the money to pay for these expenditures?**