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Religious Studies

Unit 12: Judaism

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You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION 1 – BELIEFS AND VALUES

You must answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER

- 1 (a) What is the **Shema**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Tenakh is relevant today?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain how the Ten Commandments help Jewish people understand the nature of the Almighty. (8)
- (d) "The rules of the halakhah are not practical today."
In your answer you should refer to Judaism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

- 2 (a) What is **hashem**? (2)
- (b) Should all Jewish people follow the Mishnah?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why the Torah is important for Jewish people. (8)
- (d) "The Covenant with Abraham is the most important."
In your answer you should refer to Judaism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)



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Chosen question number: **Question 1** **Question 2**

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SECTION 2 – COMMUNITY AND TRADITIONS

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 3 (a) Who are the **Ashkenazi**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Jewish people should be Reform Jews?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why Orthodox synagogues have certain features. (8)
- (d) "To live in Israel should be the goal of all Jewish people."
In your answer you should refer to Judaism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4 (a) Who are the **Sephardim**? (2)
- (b) Do you think every synagogue needs a Rabbi?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why it is hard for Jewish people to forget the Holocaust. (8)
- (d) "The Bet Din should not get involved in Jewish divorces."
In your answer you should refer to Judaism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 3 – WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5 (a) What is the **mohel**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Jewish boys should have a Bar Mitzvah?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why Hanukkah is important for Jewish people. (8)
- (d) "Simchat Torah is the most important festival."
In your answer you should refer to Judaism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

OR

- 6 (a) What is a **minyan**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Jewish boys should be circumcised?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why Rosh Hashanah is important for Jewish people. (8)
- (d) "Observing Shabbat brings you closer to God."
In your answer you should refer to Judaism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 6 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 4 – LIVING THE JEWISH LIFE

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 7 (a) What is **shechitah**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the mitzvot are still important?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why there may be difficulties in following kosher food laws. (8)
- (d) "The Jewish way of mourning is the best."
In your answer you should refer to Judaism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

OR

- 8 (a) What is meant by **yahrzeit**? (2)
- (b) Do you think community cohesion is important for Jewish people?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why some people might find it easy to live the Jewish life today. (8)
- (d) "All Jewish communities need a synagogue."
In your answer you should refer to Judaism.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 8 = 20 marks)



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