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# Religious Studies

## Unit 12: Judaism

Tuesday 2 June 2015 – Afternoon  
**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**5RS12/01**

**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 84.
- 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 on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- 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.

**YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR IN THIS SECTION.**

**EITHER**

- 1** (a) What is the **Tenakh**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Covenant with Moses matters today?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why the halakhah is important for Jewish people. (8)
- (d) "The Torah is the only guide for life."  
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 spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)**

**OR**

- 2** (a) What is the **Talmud**? (2)
- (b) Do you think that the Messiah will ever come?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why the Shema is still essential for Jewish belief. (8)
- (d) "There is no need to believe in the creation accounts in Genesis."  
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 spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)**



Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

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## SECTION 2 – COMMUNITY AND TRADITION

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

### EITHER

- 3** (a) What is the **Knesset**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Bet Din makes life easier for Jewish people?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why Zionism is important for some Jewish people. (8)
- (d) "The Rabbi is the most important person in the Jewish community."  
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)

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(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 4** (a) Who are the **Ashkenazi**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the role of the Rabbi is essential for Jewish life?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain the main features of a Reform synagogue. (8)
- (d) "Jewish people don't need to live in Israel."  
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)

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(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)



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**SECTION 3 – WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION**

**You must answer ONE question from this section.**

**EITHER**

- 5** (a) What is **Yom Kippur**? (2)
- (b) Do you think it is important to celebrate Purim?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why Sukkot is important for Jewish people. (8)
- (d) "Attending synagogue is an essential part of Jewish life."  
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)

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**(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)**

**OR**

- 6** (a) What is a **minyan**? (2)
- (b) Do you think celebrating the festivals keeps the Jewish faith alive?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why Jewish people celebrate Rosh Hashanah. (8)
- (d) "Jewish people no longer need to celebrate Pesach."  
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)

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**(Total for Question 6 = 20 marks)**



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**SECTION 4 – LIVING THE JEWISH LIFE**

**You must answer ONE question from this section.**

**EITHER**

- 7** (a) What is a **mezuzah**? (2)
- (b) Do you think it is possible to follow all the kosher food laws?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why the mikveh is important for some Jewish people. (8)
- (d) "Jewish people should follow all the mitzvot."  
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 **parev**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Noachide laws are important?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why some Jewish people choose not to follow traditional dress laws. (8)
- (d) "All Jewish people must work for social and community cohesion."  
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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