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AS GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

G579/01/I Judaism

QUESTION PAPER INSERT

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- This Insert is for your reference only.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **TWO** questions.

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- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
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Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain the continuing development of the Talmud since its sixth-century CE compilation. [25]
(b) 'The Talmud is no more than a book about Jewish life and law written by rabbis.' Discuss. [10]
- 2 (a) Explain the importance of the Written Torah for Jewish belief and life today. [25]
(b) 'The Torah should be written and read in Hebrew.' Discuss. [10]
- 3 (a) Explain the origins and observance of Shavuot. [25]
(b) To what extent is Shavuot the least important of the Pilgrim Festivals? [10]
- 4 (a) Explain the importance of the home in Jewish religious life. [25]
(b) To what extent is the home more important than the synagogue in preserving Jewish religious life? [10]



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