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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Paper 4: Area of Study 4 – Study of Judaism Mark Scheme – (Short Course) 2018

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(a)	<p>AO1 3 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Almighty spoke to Moses (1) • The Almighty gave Moses the Ten Commandments (1) • It took place on Mount Sinai (1) • The Almighty promised to protect the Jews (1) • It gave them a guide to live faithfully (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists (maximum of one mark). 	3

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(b)	<p>AO1 4 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for providing a reason. Award a second mark for development of the reason. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mitzvot are found in the Torah (1) which give Jews laws on every aspect of their lives (1) • The mitzvot were given to Moses by the Almighty; (1) by following them, it is impossible to disobey him (1) • The mitzvot help Jews to use their free will correctly; (1) as they give divine guidance (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated reason/development • Development that does not relate both to the reason given and to the question. 	4

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
1(c)	<p>AO1 5 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for each reason. Award further marks for each development of the reason up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belief in the sanctity of life is based on the story of creation in Genesis; (1) as the Almighty breathed life into Adam and into the whole of creation (1) '...he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul' (Genesis 2:7) (1) • It means that life is sacred and belongs to the Almighty, (1) therefore, only the Almighty can take life away (1) as seen in the Talmud which talks about someone destroying one life being as bad as if they have destroyed the whole world (Talmud Sanhedrin 37a) (1) • It is an important consideration when looking at issues in modern life; (1) for example, when going to war, (1) and according to Deuteronomy 20, Jews should look for the peaceful solution before going to war (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated reason/ development • Development that does not relate both to the reason and to the question • Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the reason given. 	5

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
1(d)	<p>AO2 12 marks, SPaG 3 marks</p> <p>Candidates must underpin their analysis and evaluation with knowledge and understanding. Candidates will be required to demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding as well as accuracy of religion and belief when responding to the question and in meeting AO2 descriptors.</p> <p>AO2</p> <p>Arguments for the statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is one of the Thirteen Fundamental Principles of Faith, compiled by Maimonides and based on the Torah and as such it holds a central place in Jewish belief • Many Jews believe the Messianic Age is when the world will finally be at peace and the Almighty will reign over all people and this sense of hope is still important today • Reform Jews see the Messianic Age as more of a personal struggle, where all people work together to achieve peace through collective actions and this is just as important. <p>Arguments against the statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Jews do not believe in the Messianic Age as a concept. They believe that the stories in the Torah should be believed metaphorically and that any peace on earth is in human hands • Some Jews believe that if the Messiah was going to come, it would have been during the Holocaust. As the Almighty did not intervene then, they do not believe he will • For some Jews, whether or not there will be a Messianic Age is not as important as how they live their lives now, and therefore, it is not an idea they spend much time thinking about. <p>Accept any other valid response.</p> <p>Candidates who do not consider different viewpoints within the religious tradition or non-religious viewpoints (as instructed in the question) cannot achieve marks beyond Level 2.</p>	15

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable response.
Level 1	1–3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/issues are identified and make superficial connections among a limited range of elements in the question, underpinned by isolated elements of understanding of religion and belief. Judgements are supported by generic arguments to produce a conclusion that is not fully justified.
Level 2	4–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superficial connections are made among many, but not all, of the elements in the question, underpinned by a limited understanding of religion and belief. Judgements of a limited range of elements in the question are made. Judgements are supported by an attempt to appraise evidence, much of which may be superficial, leading to a conclusion that is not fully justified.
Level 3	7–9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints. These are underpinned by an accurate understanding of religion and belief. Connections are made among many, but not all, of the elements in the question. Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of many, but not all, of the elements in the question. Judgements are supported by the appraisal of evidence, some of which may be superficial, leading to a partially justified conclusion.
Level 4	10–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critically deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints. These are underpinned by a sustained, accurate and thorough understanding of religion and belief. Connections are made among the full range of elements in the question. Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of the full range of elements in the question. Judgements are fully supported by the comprehensive appraisal of evidence, leading to a fully justified conclusion.

SPaG

Marks		Descriptors
0 marks	No marks awarded	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The candidate writes nothing.• The candidate's response does not relate to the question.• The candidate's achievement in SPaG does not reach the threshold performance level, for example errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar severely hinder meaning.
1 marks	Threshold performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candidates spell and punctuate with reasonable accuracy.• Candidates use rules of grammar with some control of meaning and any errors do not significantly hinder meaning overall.• Candidates use a limited range of specialist terms as appropriate.
2 marks	Intermediate performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candidates spell and punctuate with considerable accuracy.• Candidates use rules of grammar with general control of meaning overall.• Candidates use a good range of specialist terms as appropriate.
3 marks	High performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candidates spell and punctuate with consistent accuracy.• Candidates use rules of grammar with effective control of meaning overall.• Candidates use a wide range of specialist terms as appropriate.

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2(a)	<p>AO1 3 mark</p> <p>Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewish families build a shelter or booth (1) • The family often sleep in the shelter for 8 days (1) • They recite blessings over some branches (1) • They thank the Almighty for his protection (1) • They sing and dance in the streets (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists (maximum of one mark). 	3

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2(b)	<p>AO1 4 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for providing a reason. Award a second mark for development of the reason. Up to a maximum of four marks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It signifies the coming of age for a Jewish boy (1) meaning that he can now perform religious duties (1) • It honours the boy's accomplishments (1) allowing their families to publicly show their pride (1) • Bar Mitzvahs join a community in togetherness (1) and bind the boy to his faith (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated reason/development • Development that does not relate both to the reason given and to the question. 	4

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2(c)	<p>AO1 5 marks</p> <p>Award one mark for each reason. Award further marks for each development of the reason up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a commandment of the Almighty, (1) one of the commandments given to Moses on Sinai (1) to observe the Sabbath and to keep it holy (Exodus 31:14) (1) • The idea of a day of rest comes from the story of the Creation in the Torah: (1) God rested from creating the universe on the seventh day of that first week, so Jews rest from work on the Sabbath (1) as seen in Genesis 2:2, 'By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work' (1) • The Sabbath is part of the covenant between God and the Jewish People (1) remembering how the Almighty helped them to escape from Egypt (1) as seen in Deuteronomy 5:15 'Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord, your God brought you forth from there with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to observe the Sabbath day (1). <p>Accept any other valid response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated reason/development • Development that does not relate both to the reason and to the question • Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the reason given. 	5s

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