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Edexcel GCSE

Religious Studies

Unit 12: Judaism

Thursday 31 May 2012 – 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 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 meant by **teshuva**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Ten Commandments help people to understand the Almighty?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why the halakhah is important for Jewish people. (8)
- (d) "The Torah needs to be updated for modern 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)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

- 2 (a) What is meant by **omnipresent**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Jewish people should believe in the account of creation in Genesis?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why the Mishnah is important for Jewish people. (8)
- (d) "The Messiah will never come."
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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SECTION 2 – COMMUNITY AND TRADITIONS

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 3 (a) What are the **mitzvot**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all synagogues should look the same?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why there are differences between Ashkenazi and Sephardi Jewish communities. (8)
- (d) "All Jewish people should support Zionism."
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) What is a **Rabbi**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Bet Din helps Jewish couples with divorce?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why many Jewish people want to live in Israel. (8)
- (d) "Only Orthodox Jewish people follow Judaism correctly."
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 **Simchat Torah**? (2)
- (b) Do you think attending synagogue worship makes a person a good Jew?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why Shabbat is important for Jewish people. (8)
- (d) "Bar mitzvah is the most important celebration for Jewish boys."
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 **Sukkot**? (2)
- (b) Do you think boys and girls should have the same ceremonies in Judaism?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why Pesach is an important festival for Jewish people. (8)
- (d) "Yom Kippur is the best way to help Jewish people feel close to the Almighty."
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 meant by **kashrut**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Jewish men should follow the dress laws for worship?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why some Jewish people are involved in working for social and community cohesion. (8)
- (d) "Everyone in the world should follow the Noachide laws."
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 are **tefillin**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Jewish people should be involved in charity work?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why the mikveh is important for some Jewish people. (8)
- (d) "It is easy to live the Jewish life today in the UK."
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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