

**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS) (SHORT COURSE)**

**2397/1**

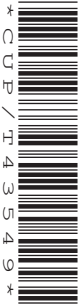
Paper 7 Judaism

**FRIDAY 6 JUNE 2008**

Afternoon  
Time: 1 hour

**Additional materials (enclosed):** None

**Additional materials (required):**  
Answer Booklet (8 pages)



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, on the Answer Booklet provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer Question 1 and **one** other question.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **43**.
- You will be awarded up to 3 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.

Answer Question 1 and **one** other question.



© World Religions Photo Library: Christine Osborne

- 1** (a) Describe the features of a synagogue. [8]
- (b) Explain the importance of a synagogue to a Jewish community. [7]
- (c) 'Jews should worship together.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. [5]

- 2** (a) Describe how Jews celebrate Sukkot (Tabernacles). [8]
- (b) Explain why Sukkot (Tabernacles) is a joyful festival. [7]
- (c) 'All religious festivals should be serious occasions.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [5]

- 3** (a) Describe what is said and done at a Jewish marriage ceremony. [8]
- (b) Explain why marriage is important for the Jewish community. [7]
- (c) 'Only religious Jews should be married in a synagogue.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. [5]

- 4 (a) Describe the role of a rabbi. [8]
- (b) Explain why daily prayer is important for the Jewish community. [7]
- (c) 'Prayer is a waste of time.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [5]

---

*Copyright Acknowledgements:*

Q1 image © World Religions Photo Library: Christine Osborne

Permission to reproduce items where third-party owned material protected by copyright is included has been sought and cleared where possible. Every reasonable effort has been made by the publisher (OCR) to trace copyright holders, but if any items requiring clearance have unwittingly been included, the publisher will be pleased to make amends at the earliest possible opportunity.

OCR is part of the Cambridge Assessment Group. Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which is itself a department of the University of Cambridge.