

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

Paper 9 Jewish Studies

**WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2008**

**2399/1**

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, in 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.

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

They broke into weeping again, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law farewell. But Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has returned to her people and her gods. Go follow your sister-in-law." But Ruth replied, "Do not urge me to leave you, to turn back and not follow you. For wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your G-d my G-d.

(Ruth 1:14-16)

- 1** (a) Describe how and why Jews celebrate Shavuot. [8]
- (b) Explain how celebrating Shavuot may help strengthen the beliefs of Jews. [7]
- (c) 'Shavuot is the least important of the Pilgrim Festivals.'

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

- 2** (a) Describe the Covenant G-d made with Noah. [8]
- (b) Explain why the Noachide Code is still important for Jews. [7]
- (c) 'The Noachide Code is essential for understanding the relationship between Jews and non-Jews.'

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

- 3** (a) Describe what happens on Yom Ha'Shoah. [8]
- (b) Explain how the Twentieth-Century Holocaust has challenged Jewish belief. [7]
- (c) 'The establishment of the State of Israel is the most important result of the Holocaust.'

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]

- 4** (a) Describe one of the Covenants which G-d made with Abraham. [8]
- (b) Explain why the Covenants which G-d made with Abraham are still important to Jews. [7]
- (c) Jews should worship G-d and not expect anything in return.'

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

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