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(SHORT COURSE)**

Paper 10 Jewish Texts

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**2400/1**

Morning  
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 **6** printed pages and **2** blank pages.

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

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יב ויאמר אליהם שאוני והטילני אל-הים וישתק הים מעליכם כי יודע אני כי בשלי  
 הפער הגדול הזה עליכם: יג ויחתרו האנשים להשיב אל-היבשה ולא יכלו כי הים הולך  
 וסער עליהם: יד ויקראו אל-ה ויאמרו אנה ה אל-נא נאבדה בנפש האיש הזה ואל-תתן  
 עלינו דם נקיא כי-אתה ה כאשר חפצת עשית: טו וישאו את-יונה ויטלהו אל-הים  
 ויעמד הים מועפו: טז ויראו האנשים יראה גדולה את-ה ויזבחו-זבח ל-ה וידרו נדרים

Jonah 1:12–16

He said to them, “Pick me up and heave me into the sea and the sea will calm down from upon you; for I know that it is because of me that this great tempest the sea is upon you.” [Nevertheless,] the men rowed hard to return to the shore, but they could not, because the sea was growing stormier upon them. They called out to Hashem, and said, “Please, Hashem, let us not perish now on account of this man’s soul and do not reckon it against us as innocent blood, for You, Hashem, as You wished, so have You done.” So they lifted Jonah and heaved him into the sea, and the sea stopped its raging. Then the men felt a great fear of Hashem; they slaughtered a sacrifice to Hashem and took vows.

Jonah 1:12–16

- (a) Describe the teachings found in this passage. [8]
- (b) Explain how the teachings in this passage might affect the life of a Jew. [7]
- (c) ‘The story of Jonah is not an account of a real event.’

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]

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א בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹקִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ: ב וְהָאָרֶץ הִיְתָה תְהוֹ וְכָהוּ וְחֹשֶׁךְ  
 עַל־פְּנֵי תְהוֹם וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת עַל־פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם: ג וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹקִים יְהי־אֹר וַיְהי־אֹר:  
 ד וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹקִים אֶת־הָאֹר כִּי־טוֹב וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹקִים בֵּין הָאֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ: ה וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹקִים  
 לְאֹר יוֹם וּלְחֹשֶׁךְ קָרָא לַיְלָה וַיְהי־עֶרֶב וַיְהי־בֹקֶר יוֹם אֶחָד:

Genesis 1:1–5

In the beginning of G-d's creating the heavens and the earth – when the earth was astonishingly empty, with darkness upon the surface of the deep, and the Divine Presence hovered upon the surface of the waters – G-d said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. G-d saw that the light was good, and G-d separated between the light and the darkness. G-d called to the light. “Day,” and to the darkness He called: “Night.” And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

Genesis 1:1–5

- (a) Describe the story of Creation as found in Genesis 1. [8]
- (b) Explain how this passage might influence the beliefs and attitudes of Jews. [7]
- (c) ‘The story of Creation is about religious ideas, not about facts.’

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]

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א ויִכְלוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל-צְבָאָם: ב וַיְכַל אֱלֹהִים בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה  
וַיִּשְׁבֹּת בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מְכַל-מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה: ג וַיְבָרֶךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת-יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי וַיְקַדְּשׁ  
אֹתוֹ כִּי בּוֹ שָׁבַת מְכַל-מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר-בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׂוֹת

Genesis 2:1–3

“Thus the heaven and the earth were finished, and all their array. By the seventh day G-d completed His work which He had done, and He abstained on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. G-d blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because on it He abstained from all His work which G-d created to make.

Genesis 2:1–3

- (a) Describe the teachings found in this passage. [8]
- (b) Explain why the Jews were given the Sabbath. [7]
- (c) ‘The seventh day was the most important day of Creation.’

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 what Jews mean by the Tenakh. [8]
- (b) Explain the importance of the Talmud for Jews. [7]
- (c) 'The Tenakh is out of date.'

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]





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