

Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations
General Certificate of Secondary Education

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (WORLD RELIGIONS) (SHORT COURSE) 2399/1
PAPER 9 – Jewish Studies

Specimen Paper 2003

Additional materials: Answer paper
Candidates answer on separate answer paper provided.

TIME 1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks 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.

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



Blowing the shofar

- 1 (a) Describe the customs of Rosh Hashanah. [8]
- (b) Explain how Yom Kippur might affect the life and beliefs of a Jew. [7]
- (c) 'Everyone should spend one day a year thinking about what they have done wrong.'
- Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different point of view. [5]
- 2 (a) Describe the events of the Twentieth-Century Holocaust. [8]
- (b) Explain how the Twentieth-Century Holocaust continues to affect the lives of Jews today. [7]
- (c) 'It is time to forget the Twentieth-Century Holocaust and forgive.'
- Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different point of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [5]
- 3 (a) Describe the Kosher laws as they apply to clothes and money. [8]
- (b) Explain how keeping the Jewish food laws might affect the life of a believer. [7]
- (c) 'Judaism has too many rules for life today.'
- Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different point of view. [5]
- 4 (a) Describe the main features of a synagogue. [8]
- (b) Explain how the synagogue is used to strengthen the Jewish community. [7]
- (c) 'For Jews, the home is more important than the synagogue.'
- Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different point of view. [5]