

**Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations**  
**General Certificate of Secondary Education**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS) (SHORT COURSE) 2400/1**  
**PAPER 10 – Jewish Texts**

**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.

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וַיְדַבֵּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים  
הָאֵלֶּה לְאַמֵּר: \* אֲנֹכִי יְיָ הֵאֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם  
מִבֵּית עֲבָדִים: לֹא־יִהְיֶה לְךָ אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים עַל־פָּנָי: לֹא־תַעֲשֶׂה לְךָ  
פֶסֶל וְכָל־תְּמוּנָה אֲשֶׁר בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל וְאֲשֶׁר בָּאָרֶץ מִתַּחַת וְאֲשֶׁר בַּמַּיִם  
מִתַּחַת לָאָרֶץ: לֹא־תִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לָהֶם וְלֹא תַעֲבֹדֵם כִּי אֲנֹכִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵי  
אֵל קַנָּא פֹקֵד עֵינַי אֶת־עַל־בָּנָיִם עַל־שֹׁשְׁבָיִם וְעַל־רֹבְעִים לְשֹׂנְאָי:  
וְעַשֵׂה חֶסֶד לְאֶלְפִים לְאַהֲבֵי וּלְשֹׂמְרֵי מִצְוֹתַי: לֹא תִשָּׂא  
אֶת־שֵׁם־יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשׂוֹא כִּי לֹא יִנְקֶה יְיָ אֶת־אִשְׁרֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־שְׁמוֹ  
לְשׂוֹא:

Exodus 20:1-7

And G-d spoke all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy G-d, who have brought thee out of the land of Mizrayim, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods beside me. Thou shalt not make for thyself any carved idol, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy G-d am a jealous G-d, punishing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of those that hate me; but showing mercy to thousands of generations of those that love me, and keep my commandments.

- (a) Describe the teachings in this passage. [8]
- (b) Explain how following these teachings might affect the life of a Jew today. [7]
- (c) 'Some of the Ten Commandments are more important than others.'

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]

וַיִּכְלֹ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל-צְבָאָם: וַיְכַל אֱלֹהִים - בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מְלַאכְתּוֹ  
 אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וַיִּשְׁבֹּת בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מְכָל-מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה: וַיְבָרֶךְ  
 אֱלֹהִים - אֶת-יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי וַיְקַדְּשׁ אֹתוֹ כִּי בּוֹ שָׁבַת מְכָל-מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר-  
 בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׂוֹת:

Genesis 2:1-3

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their host. And by the seventh day G-d ended his work which he had done: and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. And G-d blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because in it he rested from all his work which G-d had created and performed.

- (a) Describe the teachings found in this passage. [8]
- (b) Explain why this passage has such an important effect on the life of Jews who do not live in Israel. [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 point of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [5]

- 3 (a) Describe the events in the book of Jonah. [8]
- (b) Explain how the story of Jonah might influence Jews in their attitudes towards other people and to G-d. [7]
- (c) 'Jonah was a very weak man and is not a good example for people to follow today.'

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 the story of the first six days of Creation found in Genesis 1. [8]
- (b) Explain how this part of the Creation story might influence the beliefs and attitudes of Jews today. [7]
- (c) 'The story of Creation does not agree with scientific facts and so it must be wrong.'

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

