

Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations
General Certificate of Secondary Education

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGIONS)
PAPER 7 – Judaism

2307/1

Specimen Paper 2003

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

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

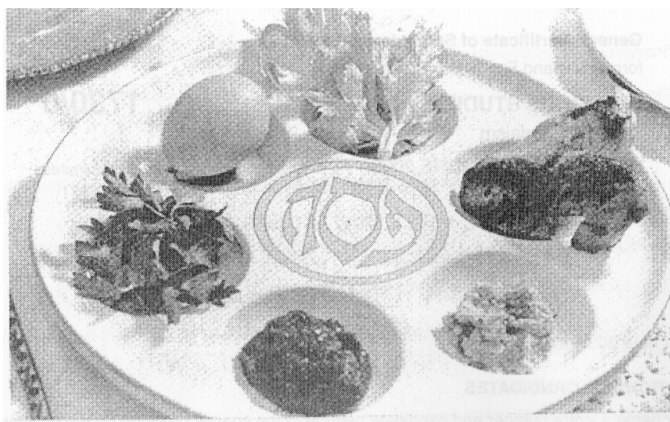
- Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, on the answer paper provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

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 64.
- You will be awarded up to 4 marks in Question 1 for the quality of written communication.

Answer Question 1 and **two** other questions.

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- (a) Describe the special meal which Jews have at Pesach (Passover). [8]
- (b) Explain how celebrating Pesach (Passover) might strengthen the faith of a Jewish community. [7]
- (c) 'At Pesach (Passover), looking forward to the future is just as important as remembering the past.'

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 inside of a synagogue. [8]
- (b) Explain how having special religious objects at home might affect the life of a Jew. [7]
- (c) 'You cannot worship G-d properly at home because there are too many distractions.'

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 how a Jewish boy becomes Bar Mitzvah. [8]
- (b) Explain how the faith of a Jewish family might affect the way in which they treat each other. [7]
- (c) 'Keeping the Jewish law is more important for men than for women.'

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

- 4 (a) Describe what is in the Torah and the Talmud. [8]
- (b) Explain how Jews might try to obey the mitzvot (laws) about food in their daily lives. [7]
- (c) 'The Jewish holy books are too old to have anything useful to say to modern people.'
- 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]
- 5 (a) What do Jews believe about the promises G-d has made to them? [8]
- (b) Explain how believing in G-d as creator might affect the way in which Jews treat the environment. [7]
- (c) 'Jews should fit in with their non-Jewish neighbours; they should not try to be different.'
- Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. [5]

