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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**SPECIFICATION A**

**PAPER E**

**JUDAISM**

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 20 June 2007

(1 hour 45 minutes)

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<b>SECTION A</b>	
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**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A 4 page answer book.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer **all** the questions in Sections **A** and **B** in the spaces provided in this booklet.

In Section **C** answer **two** questions in the separate answer book provided, which should then be enclosed in this question-and-answer booklet.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You will be awarded marks for quality of written communication.

No certificate will be awarded to a candidate detected in any unfair practice during the examination.

**SECTION A**

*Answer **all** questions in this section in the spaces provided.*

1. (a) Where would you expect to find a *mezuzah* in a Jewish home? [1]

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- (b) What is the *Shema*? [1]

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- (c) Why is Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) an important festival for Jews? [2]

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- (d) What is Shabbat? [2]

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(e) What does *bat chayil* celebrate?

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(f) What is the role of the *chevra kaddisha* when someone dies?

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(g) What do Jews mean by the term Messiah?

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(h) Name **two** sections of the *Tenakh* (Hebrew Bible).

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(i) Explain **one** Jewish attitude to divorce.

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(j) Describe the role of a mother in Jewish family life.

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SECTION B

Answer **all** questions in this section in the spaces provided.

2. Study the picture below and answer the questions that follow.



Boy wearing tefillin and tallit (prayer shawl)

- (a) Where on the body would a Jewish male wear the *tefillin*?

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- (b) Why do some Jewish men wear *tefillin* for prayer?

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(c) Explain why the tassels on a *tallit* are important.

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(d) Explain the importance of the Talmud.

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(e) Explain Jewish attitudes to homosexuality. [4]

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(f) 'Sex outside marriage is always wrong.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence to support your point of view. [4]

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3. Study the information below and answer the questions that follow.

‘Blessed are you, O Lord, who chose us to be your people. You have given us times of joy and gladness, this feast of Passover, the time of our freedom, a celebration in memory of our escape from Egypt. Blessed are you, O Lord, who kept us safe and brought us safe to this night.’ (Taken from the Seder meal)

(a) What is Pesach? [2]

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(b) Why did the Jews want to escape from Egypt? [2]

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(c) Describe how Jews prepare for Pesach at home.

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(d) Explain how a synagogue is a community centre.

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(e) Explain how Jews show kindness (*gemilut hasadim*.). [4]

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(f) 'Pesach is the most important festival in the Jewish year.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence to support your point of view. [4]

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**SECTION C**

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided, which should then be put in this question-and-answer booklet.

4. (a) Describe the main features in a synagogue. [4]
- (b) Describe the Holocaust **and** explain why Jews remember it. [8]
- (c) 'Jews do not need to attend synagogue services'.  
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
5. (a) Describe the role of a rabbi in a Jewish community. [4]
- (b) Describe **and** explain the dietary laws of Judaism. [8]
- (c) 'Religious beliefs are more important than following rules about diet.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]
6. (a) Describe what happens in a *bar mitzvah* ceremony. [4]
- (b) Explain Jewish attitudes to birth control. [8]
- (c) 'It is difficult for young Jews to follow a Jewish lifestyle in Britain.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. [8]

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