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**GCSE**

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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES  
SPECIFICATION A**

**UNIT 8**

**JUDAISM**

A.M. FRIDAY, 22 June 2012

1 hour 45 minutes

Examiner's use only	Mark
Question 1	
Question 2	
Question 3	
Question 4	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

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

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

**If you run out of space in this question-and-answer booklet you may use continuation sheets. Number the questions clearly and enclose your sheets 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 are reminded that assessment will take into account the Quality of Written Communication used in your answers that involve extended writing (questions 1(*e*), 2(*e*), 3(*e*) and 4(*e*)).

*Answer all questions.*

1. Study the information below and answer the questions which follow.



**Inside a synagogue**

- (a) Describe the internal features of a synagogue.

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(b) Explain how Jews use the synagogue.

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(c) Explain why the Beth Din is important to Jews.

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(d) 'Jews need a rabbi to guide and lead them.'

Do you agree **or** disagree? Give **two** reasons for your answer.  
(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.)

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(e) ‘The Torah is out of date.’

Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.) [8]

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2. Study the information below and answer the questions which follow.

Jews believe that life is sacred.

(a) Describe Jewish teachings about God. [4]

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(b) Explain Jewish teachings about the afterlife. [4]

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(c) Explain Jewish attitudes towards homosexuality.

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(d) 'Jews must always keep the Ten Commandments.'

Do you agree **or** disagree? Give **two** reasons for your answer.  
(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.)

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(e) 'The purpose of sex is to create new life.'

Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.)

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Dotted lines for writing an answer.

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



**A Seder table**

(a) Describe how Jews celebrate Pesach.

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(b) Explain the importance of women in Judaism.

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(c) Explain Jewish dietary laws.

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(d) 'Taking part is the best way to learn about festivals.'

Do you agree **or** disagree? Give **two** reasons for your answer.

(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.)

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(e) 'Pesach is the most important Jewish festival.'

Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.)

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4. Study the information below and answer the questions which follow.

The Torah teaches that every Jewish male should be circumcised.

(a) Describe a brit milah (circumcision) ceremony. [4]

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(b) Explain why Abraham is important to Jews. [4]

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(c) Explain how Jews may show their identity.

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(d) 'A Jew should only marry another Jew.'

Do you agree **or** disagree? Give **two** reasons for your answer.  
(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.)

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(e) 'It is easy to be a Jew in Britain.'

Do you agree? Give reasons or evidence for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must include reference to religious beliefs in your answer.)

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**Acknowledgements:**

- Question 1. Orthodox Synagogue  
<http://www.cardiffshul.org>
- Question 3. Seder table  
<http://www.wildolive.co.uk/pessach.htm>