

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON**

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**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

For The Following Qualification:–

M.A.

**Hebrew G27: History of the Jews in Russia**

COURSE CODE : **HEBRG027**

DATE : **12-MAY-04**

TIME : **10.00**

TIME ALLOWED : **3 Hours**

### **HEBRG027: History of the Jews in Russia**

Answer **THREE** of the following questions. All questions carry equal marks.

- 1.) What books have made the greatest contribution to the study of Russian-Jewish history in the last ten years? Defend your selection.
- 2.) What considerations shaped the policy of the Russian state towards the Jews in the reign of Catherine II?
- 3.) Discuss the extent to which there was a consistent state policy in the Russian Empire to convert Russian Jews to Christianity.
- 4.) What was the impact on the Jewish *kahal* of the introduction of personal military service for Russian Jews in 1827?
- 5.) How did the Haskalah in Eastern Europe become a movement? What chronological limits should be placed on the "Russian Haskalah?"
- 6.) What are the strengths and weaknesses of using literature to provide insight into the history of East European Jewry?
- 7.) Survey the historiography of the Russian pogroms during the last quarter century.
- 8.) Assess the impact of EITHER the Pale of Settlement OR the May Laws (The Temporary Laws) on the economic status of Russian Jewry.
- 9.) What was the strongest political movement among Russian Jews on the eve of the Great War? Defend your answer.
- 10.) Discuss the extent to which recent research has revised the traditional view of the role of women in Jewish society in the Russian Empire.
- 11.) Compare and contrast the following categories within the Russian Empire: Russian Jewry; Polish Jewry; Litvaks.
- 12.) What are the strengths and weaknesses of Shimon Dubnow as a historian of Russian Jewry?

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