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Religious Unit 12: Judaism	Studies	
Tuesday 7 June 2016 – Af Time: 1 hour 30 minutes		Paper Reference 5RS12/01

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
 - there may be more space than you need.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
 - use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.
- Questions labelled with an asterisk (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
 - you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION 1 – BELIEFS AND VALUES

You must answer ONE question from this section.

YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR IN THIS SECTION.

EITHER

1 (a) What is meant by **teshuva**?

(2)

(b) Do you think the Covenant with Abraham is still important? Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

(4)

*(c) Explain why Jewish people think the Mishnah is important.

(8)

(d) "The only rules people need are the Ten Commandments."

In your answer you should refer to Judaism.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

(3)

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

(3)

(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks) (Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)

OR

2 (a) What is the **shekinah**?

(2)

(b) Do you think the Almighty created the world? Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

(4)

*(c) Explain why the Torah is important for Jewish people.

(8)

(d) "The Covenant with Moses is still important today."

In your answer you should refer to Judaism.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

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(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

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(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)

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SECTION 2 – COMMUNITY AND TRADITION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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3 (a) Who are the **Sephardim**?

(2)

(b) Do you think all Jewish communities need a Rabbi? Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

(4)

*(c) Explain the features of a Reform synagogue.

(8)

(d) "Hasidic Judaism is the best form of Judaism."

In your answer you should refer to Judaism.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

(3)

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

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(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

4 (a) What are the mitzvot?

(2)

(b) Do you think Zionism should be important for all Jewish people? Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

(4)

*(c) Explain why the Bet Din is important.

(8)

(d) "The Holocaust is impossible to forgive."

In your answer you should refer to Judaism.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

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(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

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SECTION 3 – WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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5 (a) What is the **siddur**?

(2)

(b) Do you think all Jewish people should celebrate Shabbat? Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

(4)

*(c) Explain why Hanukkah is important for Jewish people.

(8)

(d) "Brit Milah is needed to be a good Jewish person."

In your answer you should refer to Judaism.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

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(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

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(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

OR

6 (a) What is Simchat Torah?

(2)

(b) Do you think all Jewish girls should celebrate a Bat Mitzvah? Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

(4)

*(c) Explain why Pesach is important for Jewish people.

(8)

(d) "It is important to celebrate religious festivals."

In your answer you should refer to Judaism.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

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(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

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SECTION 4 – LIVING THE JEWISH LIFE

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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7 (a) What is the **mikveh**?

(2)

(b) Do you think Jewish people should keep all the mitzvot? Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

(4)

*(c) Explain the problems of keeping the kosher food laws for Jewish people.

(8)

(d) "The Noachide laws are essential for everyone to follow."

In your answer you should refer to Judaism.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

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(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

(3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

OR

8 (a) What is meant by **shechitah**?

(2)

(b) Do you think Jewish death practices help Jewish people deal with death? Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

(4)

*(c) Explain how one Jewish organisation helps to relieve poverty and suffering in the UK.

(8)

(d) "It is easy to follow the Jewish life today."

In your answer you should refer to Judaism.

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

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(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

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(Total for Question 8 = 20 marks)



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