



Tuesday 13 May 2014 – Morning

AS GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

G579/01 Judaism

QUESTION PAPER

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Complete the boxes on the Answer Booklet with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Use black ink.
- Write the number of each question answered in the margin.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **TWO** questions.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

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 **70**.
- This document consists of **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain why the Mishnah was so important for early Judaism. [25]
(b) 'The writing down of the Oral Law reduced the authority of the Torah.' Discuss. [10]
- 2 (a) Explain the benefits to Jews of the laws of family purity (niddah). [25]
(b) Assess the view that the purity laws degrade Jewish women. [10]
- 3 (a) Explain the importance of halakhah for living a Jewish life. [25]
(b) To what extent should individual Jews make their own decisions about which religious rules to follow? [10]
- 4 (a) Explain why Jews believe they are the 'chosen people' of G-d. [25]
(b) 'Chosenness means being selected to be better than others.' Discuss. [10]



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