



**GCE A LEVEL**

A120UC0-1



**MONDAY, 12 JUNE 2023 – MORNING**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A level component 1**  
**A Study of Religion**

**Option C: JUDAISM**

2 hours

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer, for example 

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

Each question carries 50 marks.

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

You are reminded of the need to:

- reflect on, select and apply specified knowledge.
- understand, interpret and critically evaluate religious concepts, texts and other sources.
- account for the influence of social, religious and historical factors on the developments in the study of religions and belief.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component, including the views of scholars and academics.
- identify and analyse the nature of connections between the components you have studied.
- construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.

## Component 1 – A Study of Religion

### Option C – A Study of Judaism

Part **a)** of each question tests your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.

Part **b)** of each question tests your skills of analysis and evaluation, with regards to aspects of and approaches to religion and belief.

#### Section A

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Either,**

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| 0 | 1 | a) Examine attitudes found in the Pittsburgh Platform towards liberationist thought (concern for the poor) <b>and</b> Tikkun Olam (repair of the world). | [20] |
|   |   | b) 'No Jewish response to pluralism has been effective.'<br>Evaluate this view.  | [30] |

**Or,**

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| 0 | 2 | a) Examine <b>two</b> key theological responses to the Holocaust.                   | [20] |
|   |   | b) 'No theological response to the Holocaust is legitimate.'<br>Evaluate this view. | [30] |

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Either,**

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| 0 | 3 | a) Examine Jewish beliefs about humanity.  | [20] |
|   |   | b) 'The Shema is the most precise guide to Jewish belief and practice.'<br>Evaluate this view. | [30] |

**Or,**

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| 0 | 4 | a) Explain the significance of the rituals that take place at Yom Kippur.  | [20] |
|   |   | b) 'Regular acknowledgement of sins and penitence is not an admission of failure in spiritual development.'<br>Evaluate this view with reference to Judaism. | [30] |

**Or,**

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| 0 | 5 | a) Compare the views of Bleich <b>and</b> Tendler in response to the ethical debate within Judaism about embryo research. | [20] |
|   |   | b) 'Pikuach nefesh is totally compatible with embryo research.'<br>Evaluate this view with reference to Judaism.          | [30] |

**END OF PAPER**