



GCE AS

B120UC0-1



FRIDAY, 19 MAY 2023 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 1
Option C: An Introduction to Judaism

1 hour 30 minutes

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.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component.
- construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.

COMPONENT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

Option C – An Introduction to 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) Explain how the content and nature of the Shema reinforces the covenant relationship. | [25] |
| | | b) ‘The Shema does not contain the most important Jewish beliefs.’ Evaluate this view. | [25] |

Or,

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| 0 | 2 | a) Outline Jewish beliefs regarding death and the resurrection of the dead. | [25] |
| | | b) ‘Jewish beliefs about the afterlife are not relevant for Jews today.’ Evaluate this view. | [25] |

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Explain the importance of tzedakah (charity) within Judaism with reference to Maimonides and ‘the ladder of tzedakah’. [25]
- b) ‘Tzedakah is the most important teaching within Judaism.’
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

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- a) Explain the significance of the main rituals associated with Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah. [25]
- b) ‘Acknowledgement of sins and penitence should happen regularly, not only during *Yom Kippur*.’
Evaluate this view with reference to Judaism. [25]

Or,

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- a) Examine brit milah (circumcision) as a sign of the covenant. [25]
- b) ‘Brit milah as the sign of the covenant is still relevant today.’
Evaluate this view with reference to Judaism. [25]

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