



GCE A LEVEL

A120UC0-1



TUESDAY, 10 JUNE 2025 – AFTERNOON

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 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 evaluate critically 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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- a) Examine the diversity of views within Judaism with regards to mitzvot (commandments). [20]
- b) 'The concept of mitzvot is divisive within Judaism.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Examine the Ten Sayings (Aseret ha-Dibrot) as a basis for religious and ethical life in Judaism. [20]
- b) 'The Ten Sayings are the most effective guide for Jewish ethical living.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Examine the nature of the covenant between God and Abraham. [20]
- b) 'The covenant is more a privilege than a responsibility.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Examine the role of the family and the Jewish home as a foundation for Jewish principles. [20]
- b) 'Family life is the main strength of Judaism.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Examine the origins of the synagogue as a permanent institution in Babylonian captivity. [20]
- b) 'The synagogue is nothing more than a place for worship and prayer.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Judaism. [30]

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