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Monday 23 June 2025

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)

Paper reference **9RS0/4E**

Religious Studies

Advanced

PAPER 4: Study of Religion

Option 4E: Judaism

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

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.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

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

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1 Explore the status of one covenant in Judaism.

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(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)



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2 Assess distinctive religious observances within Reform Judaism.

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(Total for Question 2 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

God can be no more irrelevant to morality than he can be for religion. The basis for this demand that God makes upon his creatures to treat each other properly is the biblical teaching that man is created in the image of God. Both Rabbi Akiba and Ben Azzai agree that the doctrine of humanity's having been created in the image of God is the central teaching of the Torah.

Since human beings are created in the image of God, it is obvious that one achieves the highest possible level of perfection or self-realisation by becoming as similar to God as humanly possible. This is the basis for what may be the single most important ethical doctrine of the Hebrew Bible, that of *imitatio Dei*, the imitation of God.

The imitation of God is not a metaphysical issue in Judaism but a practical, moral one. Jews are not commanded literally and actually to transcend their normal selves and become in some sense like God: rather, they are commanded to act in certain ways. It is through the achievement of practical, moral perfection, that Jews imitate God and thus fulfil their destiny as individuals created in the image of God.

(Source: extract adapted from *Jewish Ethics*, Kellner M, Blackwell, 2001, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3 (a) Clarify the ideas illustrated in this passage about the central teaching of the Torah.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the significance of the Torah's Ten Commandments for Jewish practices and values.

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(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS



SECTION C

Write your answer in the space provided.

4 Evaluate Jewish responses to the challenge of secularisation.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Judaism have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics
- New Testament Studies.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
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