GCSE (9–1) Religious Studies
J625/08 Religion, philosophy and ethics in the modern world from a Jewish perspective

Wednesday 16 May 2018 – Afternoon
Time allowed: 2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS
• Use black ink.
• Answer all the questions.
• Write your answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
• Do not write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION
• The total mark for this paper is 126.
• The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
• Spelling, punctuation and grammar and the use of specialist terminology (SPaG) will be assessed in questions marked with a pencil ( ). 6 marks can be awarded for SPaG.
• Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
• This document consists of 4 pages.
1 **Relationships and families**

(a) Describe one Jewish belief about contraception. [3]

(b) Outline Jewish beliefs about gender discrimination. [6]

(c) Explain why there are different Jewish attitudes towards same-sex marriage. You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d) ‘There will always be prejudice in the world.’

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

• Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Judaism

• Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Judaism. [15]

2 **The existence of G-d**

(a) Describe Jewish views about G-d’s goodness. [3]

(b) Describe Jewish beliefs about how G-d might be revealed. [6]

(c) Explain why it is important for Jews to live ethically. You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d) ‘Jews should not try to prove the existence of G-d.’

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

• Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Judaism

• Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Judaism. [15]
3 Religion, peace and conflict

(a) Give three Jewish teachings about pacifism. [3]

(b) Describe ways in which a Jew might work for peace. [6]

(c) Explain why there are different Jewish beliefs about forgiveness.
   You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d)* ‘Nuclear war may sometimes be necessary.’

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

• Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Judaism

• Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Judaism. [15]

4 Dialogue between religious and non-religious beliefs and attitudes

(a) Describe one Jewish belief about exclusivism. [3]

(b) Describe what inter-faith dialogue means to Jews in the UK.

   In your response you must consider that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse, but mainly Christian. [6]

(c) Explain why some Jews might choose to send their children to faith schools.

   You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d)* ‘Jews and agnostics have no beliefs in common.’

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

• Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Judaism

• Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Judaism. [15]