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Option 2F: Judaism

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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Paper 2: Religion, Peace and Conflict 2F - Judaism Mark Scheme – 2018

Question	Answer	Reject	Mark
number			
1(a)	 AO1 3 marks Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three marks. The Almighty makes the Jews his chosen people (1) Abraham is asked to circumcise all males (1) Abraham is made the father of the Jewish nation (1) The Almighty told Abraham that the Jews must obey him (1) The land of Canaan was given to Abraham and his descendants (1). 	Lists (maximum of one mark)	
	Accept any other valid response.		3

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1(b)	 AWard one mark for providing a reason. Award a second mark for development of the reason up to a maximum of four marks. It was a covenant the Almighty made with the Jews (1), reinforcing his promise to make them his chosen people as long as they obeyed his rules (1) The Decalogue has been used for 3000 years (1), which are foundations of the Jewish faith (1). The first commandment is 'to have no other Gods but me' (1), which is reflected in the Shema (1). 	Repeated reason/ development Reject development that does not relate both to the reason given and to the question.	
	Accept any other valid response.		4

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1(c)	Avard one mark for each belief. Award further marks for each development of the belief up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. • Some Jewish people believe that the soul lives on in heaven (1) 'the dust returns to the ground it came from and the spirit returns to God who gave it' (Ecclesiastes 12:8) (1), and for others they may go to Gehenna (1) • Resurrection is one of the Thirteen Principles of Faith (1) 'the belief in the resurrection of the dead' (1) which is linked with 'the belief in divine reward and retribution' (1) • Some Hasidic Jews believe in reincarnation (1) as there is a belief that all Jewish souls were there at Sinai (1) when the Almighty made the promise that 'out of all nations you will be my treasured possession' (Exodus 19:5) (1). Candidates who do not consider different beliefs within Judaism cannot be awarded more than 3 marks (with an appropriate source of wisdom and authority).	Repeated belief/ development Development that does not relate both to the belief and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the belief given.	
	Accept any other valid response.		5

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1(d)	AO2 12 marks, SPaG 3 marks	
	Candidates must underpin their analysis and evaluation with knowledge and understanding. Candidates will be required to demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding as well as accuracy of religion and belief when responding to the question and in meeting AO2 descriptors.	
	AO2	
	 Arguments for the statement: Jewish people believe that human life is sacred, as the Almighty created humans in his image, as seen in the creation story in Genesis. This underpins all other beliefs The Talmud teaches that although animals were created in large numbers, the Almighty made Adam and Eve separately, to emphasise the importance of each individual person According to the Mishnah, whoever takes a life, it is as though he has killed the whole world and whoever saves a life, it is as though he has saved the whole world (Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5), and this can be seen in the Jewish attitudes to the sanctity of life. 	
	Arguments against the statement:	
	 Maimonides wrote the Thirteen Principles of Faith and these do not include any reference to the sanctity of life so it cannot be described as the most important Jewish belief 	
	 The 613 mitzvot are mainly about day to day living and there is little about regard for life; indeed, some require the Jews to destroy other nations which shows little care for the sanctity of life 	
	 Although belief in the sanctity of life is important, there are acceptable reasons for abortion for most Jews and there is a growing discussion about euthanasia, as some argue that the quality of life is more important than just keeping people alive. 	
	Accept any other valid response.	
	Candidates who do not consider different viewpoints within the religious tradition or non-religious viewpoints (as instructed in the question) cannot achieve marks beyond Level 2.	15

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable response.
Level 1	1–3	 Information/issues are identified and make superficial connections among a limited range of elements in the question, underpinned by isolated elements of understanding of religion and belief. Judgements are supported by generic arguments to produce a conclusion that is not fully justified.
Level 2	4-6	 Superficial connections are made among many, but not all, of the elements in the question, underpinned by a limited understanding of religion and belief. Judgements of a limited range of elements in the question are made. Judgements are supported by an attempt to appraise evidence, much of which may be superficial, leading to a conclusion that is not fully justified.
Level 3	7–9	 Deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints. These are underpinned by an accurate understanding of religion and belief. Connections are made among many, but not all, of the elements in the question. Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of many, but not all, of the elements in the question. Judgements are supported by the appraisal of evidence, some of which may be superficial, leading to a partially justified conclusion.
Level 4	10–12	 Critically deconstructs religious information/issues, leading to coherent and logical chains of reasoning that consider different viewpoints. These are underpinned by a sustained, accurate and thorough understanding of religion and belief. Connections are made among the full range of elements in the question. Constructs coherent and reasoned judgements of the full range of elements in the question. Judgements are fully supported by the comprehensive appraisal of evidence, leading to a fully justified conclusion.

SPaG

Marks		Descriptors
0 marks	No marks awarded	 The candidate writes nothing. The candidate's response does not relate to the question. The candidate's achievement in SPaG does not reach the threshold performance level, for example errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar severely hinder meaning.
1 marks	Threshold performance	 Candidates spell and punctuate with reasonable accuracy. Candidates use rules of grammar with some control of meaning and any errors do not significantly hinder meaning overall. Candidates use a limited range of specialist terms as appropriate.
2 marks	Intermediate performance	 Candidates spell and punctuate with considerable accuracy. Candidates use rules of grammar with general control of meaning overall. Candidates use a good range of specialist terms as appropriate.
3 marks	High performance	 Candidates spell and punctuate with consistent accuracy. Candidates use rules of grammar with effective control of meaning overall. Candidates use a wide range of specialist terms as appropriate.

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
2(a)	AO1 3 marks Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three marks. It is impossible to understand the Almighty's reasons for allowing suffering (1) Reward and punishment will come in the afterlife (1) Suffering is beneficial for humans to progress (1) Suffering allows humans to help each other (1) Humans are the cause of most suffering (1).	Lists (maximum of one mark)	
	Accept any other valid response.		3

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
2(b)	 AWard one mark for providing a teaching. Award a second mark for development of the teaching up to a maximum of four marks. The Mishnah says that one should forgive easily (1) 'with a sincere mind and a willing spirit' (Teshuvah 2:10) (1) A Jewish person cannot get forgiveness from the Almighty unless they have sought forgiveness from the person they have wronged (1) which means that murder is an unforgiveable sin in Judaism (1) In the days before Yom Kippur, Jews must seek forgiveness from anyone they have wronged that year (1) as without this, the Almighty will only forgive those sins against him directly (1). 	 Repeated teaching development Development that does not relate both to the teaching given and to the question. 	
	Accept any other valid response.		4

Question	Answer	Reject	Mark
number			
	Answer AO1 5 marks Award one mark for each attitude. Award further marks for each development of the attitude up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. • Some Jews believe capital punishment is sanctioned by the Almighty (1) as there are many cases in the Torah where a life is taken (1) as seen in Exodus 21:12 where it says 'If someone hits another and death results, the penalty is death' (1) • Most Jews do not support capital punishment because of the sanctity of life (1) a punishment should be equivalent to the crime (1) so 'an eye for an eye' (Exodus 21:24) is taken to mean that if	Repeated attitude/development Development that does not relate both to the attitude and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the attitude given.	Mark
	someone takes a person's eye, then they should have a punishment of the same seriousness (1) Most Jews accept that the commandment		
	not to kill (Exodus 20:13) should take precedence (1) and therefore do not support the use of capital punishment in most circumstances (1) although the State of Israel has kept it as an option for Nazi war crimes (1).		
	Accept any other valid response.		5

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2(d)	AO2 12 marks Candidates must underpin their analysis and evaluation with knowledge and understanding. Candidates will be required to demonstrate thorough knowledge and understanding as well as accuracy of religion and belief when responding to the question and in meeting AO2 descriptors.		
	 Arguments for the statement: The Torah records that judges were appointed to try those who broke the laws, as justice ensures stability in society which can only happen if laws are upheld by the community, and therefore some Jews believe that all criminals should go to prison The Talmud records harsh punishments such as incarceration for serious crimes and it is clear that imprisonment is there to reform criminals before they are released back into society The emphasis in any civilised society should be protecting the innocent and therefore it is necessary to imprison those who threaten others in whatever way. 		
	 Arguments against the statement: The Torah gives many punishments, such as fines, lashings and the death penalty but does not often use incarceration as a penalty for criminals In the Talmud, it is clear that the important thing is that the punishment should have an element of retribution; therefore, if a person steals, they should pay for it, either financially or by working it off. Prison does not do this Some Jews believe that if all criminals were sent to prison, many more prisons would have to be built and it would cost a lot of money. There are better ways of spending that money which will help criminals rather than just segregating them for a period of time. 		
	Accept any other valid response.		
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Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
3(a)	AO1 3 marks Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three marks. The Shema emphasises the oneness of the Almighty (1) It tells Jews that they must love the Almighty (1) It is a reminder of the first commandment (1) It tells Jews to wear the tefillin (1) It commands them to attach the Shema to their doorposts (1).	Lists (maximum of one mark)	
	Accept any other valid response.		3

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
3(b)	Avard one mark for providing a reason. Award a second mark for development of the reason up to a maximum of four marks. It has been carried out for 3000 years (1) as an outward sign of commitment to the Jewish faith (1) It remembers the covenant which Abraham made with the Almighty (1) when they were made his chosen people (1) Failure to circumcise a boy leads to the penalty of being excluded from the community (1) as seen in Genesis 17:14: 'any uncircumcised Jewhas broken my Covenant' (1)	 Repeated reason/ development Development that does not relate both to the reason given and to the question 	
	Accept any other valid response.		4

Question number	Answer	Reject	Mark
3(c)	 Award one mark for each feature. Award further marks for each development of the feature up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. Two Shabbat candles are lit at sunset on the Friday (1) which show that the day of rest has started and all everyday chores must stop. (1) 'Observe the Sabbath because it is holy to you' (Exodus 31:14) (1) Shabbat takes place from sunset on Friday until sunset on Saturday every week (1) as a day of rest for the Jewish people (1) remembering the day of rest taken by the Almighty when he created the world (Genesis 1) (1) It is Jewish law to eat three meals on the Sabbath, at least one including bread (1) so most Jews eat challah, which is a plaited loaf, (1) with the blessing, 'Blessed are you, our Lord God, who brings forth bread from the earth.' (1). 	 Repeated feature/ development Development that does not relate both to the feature and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the feature given. 	5
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	AO2 Arguments for the statement:	
	 The Tenakh contains the Torah, the Nevi'im and the Ketuvim and as such has the Creation, the mitzvot, the covenants as well as the writings of the Prophets, Psalms and other writings which encompass thousands of years of Jewish law, history and tradition For Orthodox Jews, the Tenakh contains the blueprint to live by. Although commentaries are used and a modern interpretation given to some laws, the Tenakh remains at the centre of the faith, and guides every aspect of their life Shabbat services show the place of these writings within Judaism; the Torah scrolls are treated with huge respect and readings from the Law and the Prophets form the main part of the service every Saturday. Without the Tenakh, one could not be a good Jew. 	
	 Arguments against the statement: For Reform Jews, the Tenakh is important, but it needs to be placed within the context of the modern world; many of the writings do not have any significance for people nowadays Many Jewish people believe that observance is not what makes someone a good Jew; rather it is actions that make someone good or not. A person may keep the mitzvot but not feed the hungry The Talmud is equally important, as the oral law was also given to Moses and was handed down by word of mouth. Many people believe it is the Talmud that has kept the faith alive for 3000 years as it is the source of the Halakhah. 	
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4(a)	AO1 3 marks	Lists (maximum of one mark)	
	 Award one mark for each point identified up to a maximum of three marks. The war must be for a just cause (1) It must be declared by a lawful authority (1) It must have the intention of a better outcome (1) All other ways of solving the issue must have been tried first (1) It must be proportionate (1). 		
	Accept any other valid response.		3

Question	Answer	Reject	Mark
4(b)	AO1 4 marks Award one mark for providing an attitude. Award a second mark for development of the attitude up to a maximum of four marks. • For Jews, peace is more than the absence of war; (1) it is a belief in an ideal state (1) • Peace is a gift from the Almighty (1), it is righteous to work to achieve it on earth (1) • Peace will come when all communities work together (1) and there will be no justice in the world until this happens (1).	 Repeated attitude / development Development that does not relate both to the attitude given and to the question 	
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number 4(c)	AVAIT ONE MARKS Award one mark for each teaching. Award further marks for each development of the teaching up to a maximum of four marks. Award one further mark for any relevant source of wisdom or authority. • According to the mitzvot, Jews must fight those who challenge the faith (1) such as those who opposed Israel. (1) 2 Samuel says 'He shot his arrows and scattered the enemy, with great bolts of lightning he routed them' (22:15) (1) • Milchemet mitzvot is a war commanded by the Almighty (1) which takes place when Jews must fight to defend their faith (1) as seen in the story of Joshua and the Israelites fought to return to the Promised Land (Joshua 1:2-6) (1) • A holy war can only take place if the Jewish people are attacked first, or if there is a need to prevent an attack (1) such as the people of Amelek (1) as seen in Deuteronomy 25:19 where they are commanded to exterminate the people of Amelek (1).	Repeated teaching/ development Development that does not relate both to the teaching and to the question Reference to a source of wisdom that does not relate to the teaching given.	
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4(d)	AO2 12 marks	
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	AO2 Arguments for the statement	
	 Judaism prohibits the use of weapons which cause multiple and massive casualties to civilians, even in retaliation, as it would cause mass destruction to humanity, as seen in the Talmud which says any act of war must not exceed the destruction of one sixth of the population Utilitarians believe that any act must be for the benefit of the greatest number and this is not the case in this type of strike, as many innocent people are killed and maimed, for a long time afterwards, as can be seen in the attacks on Hiroshima where there are birth defects even today Weapons of mass destruction kill innocent people and this is immoral from any point of view. No-one has the right to deliberately attack an area knowing that civilians will be the main casualty. This goes against Just War Theory. 	
	 Arguments against the statement: Rabbis have stated that weapons of mass destruction may be kept by a country to prevent another country from threatening them, as a deterrence as this may resolve a conflict before it escalates, therefore saving lives Utilitarians could argue that the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was the decisive point in WWII, and if it had not happened, the war would have carried on and more lives would have been lost, therefore it was necessary The presence of nuclear weapons since WWII are said to be the reason why there has been peace in Europe as no country wants to start a war where such weapons may be used. 	
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