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

THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2018 – MORNING

1 hour 30 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

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.
- 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,

1. (a) Explain Jewish beliefs about humanity. [25]
- (b) 'It is impossible for Jews to truly know God.'
 Evaluate this view with reference to Judaism. [25]

Or,

2. (a) Explain Jewish beliefs about the afterlife. [25]
- (b) 'Jewish beliefs about the afterlife have no relevance for Jews today.'
 Evaluate this view. [25]

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

3. (a) Examine the diversity of views within Judaism regarding mitzvot (commandments). [25]
- (b) 'Mitzvot do not contribute effectively to spirituality within Judaism.'
 Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

4. (a) Examine the role of the synagogue within Judaism. [25]
- (b) 'The synagogue is the heart of the Jewish community.'
 Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

5. (a) Examine the covenant between God and Abraham. [25]
- (b) 'The covenants only exist to control believers.'
 Evaluate this view with reference to Judaism. [25]

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