



GCE AS/A LEVEL

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FRIDAY, 16 MAY 2025 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1

Option C

An Introduction to the Study of Judaism

1 hour 15 minutes

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 **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer,

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 30 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 unit.
- 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.
- use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.

UNIT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion

Option C – An Introduction to the 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)** Explain the significance of the rituals that take place during Yom Kippur. [15]
- b)** ‘The regular acknowledgement of sins and penitence is central to spiritual development in Judaism.’
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

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- a)** Explain the symbolism of the seder plate and use of the Haggadah during Pesach. [15]
- b)** ‘Celebrating Pesach is effective in reinforcing Jewish identity.’
Evaluate this view. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Examine God's presence as both kavod and shekinah. [15]
- b) 'God's characteristics are meaningful for Jews today.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

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- a) Explain the reasons for tefillah (prayer) in Judaism. [15]
- b) 'Prayer has become a spiritually ineffective ritual for Jews.'
Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

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- a) Explain the nature of the Mosaic covenant. [15]
- b) 'The Mosaic covenant has no legal value.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Judaism. [15]

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