



**GCE AS/A LEVEL – NEW**

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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1**

**Option C**

**An Introduction to the Study of Judaism**

**THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2017 – MORNING**

**1 hour 15 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 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,**

1. (a) Explain the significance of the Mosaic covenant at the time of Moses. [15]
- (b) 'The covenant is simply a means of religious control.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

2. (a) Explain the significance of the Torah received at Mount Sinai. [15]
- (b) 'The Torah has little relevance within Judaism today.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

#### Section B

*Answer **one** question from this section.*

**Either,**

3. (a) Explain Jewish beliefs about life as a divine gift **and** the sanctity of life. [15]
- (b) 'The Shema contains the most important beliefs in Judaism.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

4. (a) Explain the structure of the Amidah **and** its use in daily prayers. [15]
- (b) 'Tzedakah (charity) is more important than prayer.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**Or,**

5. (a) Explain the significance of the rituals observed during Yom Kippur. [15]
- (b) 'Yom Kippur is the most important Jewish festival.'  
Evaluate this view. [15]

**END OF PAPER**