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# Religious Studies

Paper 9

Judaism

**MV18**

**[GRE91]**

**THURSDAY 20 JUNE, AFTERNOON**

## Time

1 hour 30 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

## Instructions to Candidates

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

**You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.**

**Do not write on blank pages.**

Complete in black ink only.

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** and **two** from **three** questions in **Section B** in the spaces provided in this booklet.

## Information for Candidates

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **Section B** Questions **5(c)**, **6(c)** and **7(c)**, where **two** questions only are required to be completed.

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

## Section A

Answer **all** questions

### 1 Beliefs and practices

(a) (i) When does the Jewish Sabbath (Shabbat) begin?  
[1 mark]

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(ii) What are lit in Jewish homes to mark the beginning of the Sabbath? [1 mark]

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(iii) What are Jews forbidden to do on the Sabbath?  
[1 mark]

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(iv) When does the Sabbath end? [1 mark]

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(v) What is the name of the ceremony that marks the end of the Sabbath? [1 mark]

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## 2 Sacred writings

(a) (i) Which Jewish leader is believed to have written the first five books of the Hebrew Bible? [1 mark]

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(ii) Name **one** of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. [1 mark]

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(iii) Name the **three** different sections of the Hebrew Bible. [1 mark for each]

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_















## Section B

You must answer **two** questions from this section.

### 5 Marriage and divorce

(a) Describe a typical Jewish marriage ceremony.  
[5 marks]

(b) Explain Jewish teaching on divorce. [5 marks]

(c) “Marriage is the most important occasion in the life of a Jew.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Judaism in your answer. [10 marks]

## **6 Rites of passage**

**(a)** Describe a Bar Mitzvah ceremony. [5 marks]

**(b)** Explain the importance of Bat Mitzvah for girls.  
[5 marks]

**(c)** “Children should be allowed to choose their own religious faith.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Judaism in your answer. [10 marks]

## **7 Contemporary issues**

**(a)** Describe the food laws observed by Orthodox Jews.  
[5 marks]

**(b)** Explain some of the ways Jews have experienced prejudice and discrimination throughout history.  
[5 marks]

**(c)** “Rules about religious dress are still relevant in society today.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. You should refer to Judaism in your answer. [10 marks]





























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Question Number	Marks
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2	
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<b>Section B</b>	
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