



General Certificate of Secondary Education
2025

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Religious Studies

Paper 9
Judaism

MV18

[GRE91]

THURSDAY 19 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. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

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 Festivals

(a) (i) Which Jewish festival celebrates the Day of Atonement? [1 mark]

(ii) During which festival do children search for leavened bread in the house? [1 mark]

(iii) Name **two** items of food or drink you would find on a Seder plate. [1 mark for each]

1. _____

2. _____

(iv) Name the festival when Jews remember the time spent in the desert/wilderness. [1 mark]

(c) “Celebrating religious festivals is the most important part of Judaism.”

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. [5 marks]

2 The formative history of Judaism

(a) (i) Which book of the Hebrew Bible (Tenakh) contains the story of the call of Abraham? [1 mark]

(ii) Name **two** things God promised Abraham at his call. [1 mark for each]

1. _____

2. _____

(iii) What was Abraham's original name before it was changed by God? [1 mark]

(iv) Name **one** of Abraham's sons. [1 mark]

3 Worship



(a) Describe the role of the synagogue for Jews.
[5 marks]

(c) “Jews don’t need a special building in which to worship God.”

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. [5 marks]

Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

Write on the pages provided at the end of the examination paper.

5 Sacred writings

- (a) Describe what Jews believe about the Torah.
[5 marks]
- (b) Explain the importance of the Ketuvim for Jews.
[5 marks]
- (c) “The Mishnah and the Talmud are still relevant in the modern world.”

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 Beliefs and practices

- (a) Describe the main features of Liberal Judaism.
[5 marks]
- (b) Explain the importance of Jerusalem for Jews.
[5 marks]
- (c) “It is important for Jews to keep all the mitzvot.”

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 role of women in Judaism. [5 marks]
- (b) Explain how influential Jews have contributed to society.
[5 marks]
- (c) “The world would be a better place if everyone prayed daily.”

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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