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# GCSE

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES A

## Paper 1 Judaism

Tuesday 13 May 2025      Morning      Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

### Materials

**Before** you open this book, you must ensure you also have:

- the Question Paper/Answer Book for the other **religion option** you are entered for (Buddhism, Catholic Christianity, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam **or** Sikhism).
- You will have 1 hour 45 minutes to complete **both** Question Paper/Answer Books.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page **and** on your other book.
- Answer **all** questions.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do **not** write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.

### Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 51.
- The marks for the questions are shown in brackets.
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**) will be assessed in the 12-mark question in the **Beliefs** section.

### Advice

You are advised to spend 50 minutes on this religion option and 50 minutes on your **other** religion option.

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| Question     | Mark |
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**Judaism: Beliefs**

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Which **one** of the following is the total number of mitzvot in the Jewish Law?**[1 mark]**

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

**A** 248☐**B** 365☐**C** 613☐**D** 752☐

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Give **two** Jewish beliefs about the Covenant at Sinai.**[2 marks]**1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Explain **two** ways in which belief in the sanctity of human life influences Jews today.  
[4 marks]

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**[5 marks]**

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**[12 marks]**  
**[SPaG 3 marks]**

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**Judaism: Practices**

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Which **one** of the following do Jews consider to be the 'written law'?**[1 mark]**

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

**A** Amidah☐**B** Kosher☐**C** Talmud☐**D** Tenakh☐

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Give **two** reasons why Jews pray.**[2 marks]**1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Explain **two** contrasting Jewish practices that take place soon after the birth of a child. **[4 marks]**

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**[5 marks]**

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'The Ark containing the Torah scrolls (Aron Hakodesh) is the most important feature of a synagogue.'

In your answer you should:

- refer to Jewish teaching
- give reasoned arguments to support this statement
- give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

**[12 marks]**

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END OF QUESTIONS



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