

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
GCSE (9–1)
J625/08

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**Religion, philosophy and ethics in
the modern world from a Jewish
perspective**

WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2018: Afternoon

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 hours
plus your additional time allowance**

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YOU MUST HAVE:

**the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
(OCR12 sent with general stationery)**

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INSTRUCTIONS

Use black ink.

Answer ALL the questions.

Write your answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 126.

The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].

Spelling, punctuation and grammar and the use of specialist terminology (SPaG) will be assessed in questions marked with a pencil (✎). 6 marks can be awarded for SPaG.

Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).

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Answer ALL the questions.

1 Relationships and families

(a) Describe ONE Jewish belief about contraception. [3]

(b) Outline Jewish beliefs about gender discrimination. [6]

(c) Explain why there are different Jewish attitudes towards same-sex marriage.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d) 'There will always be prejudice in the world.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Judaism

Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Judaism. [15]

 **Spelling, punctuation and grammar [3]**

2 The existence of G-d

(a) Describe Jewish views about G-d's goodness. [3]

(b) Describe Jewish beliefs about how G-d might be revealed. [6]

(c) Explain why it is important for Jews to live ethically.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d) 'Jews should not try to prove the existence of G-d.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Judaism

Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Judaism. [15]

 **Spelling, punctuation and grammar [3]**

3 Religion, peace and conflict

(a) Give THREE Jewish teachings about pacifism. [3]

(b) Describe ways in which a Jew might work for peace. [6]

(c) Explain why there are different Jewish beliefs about forgiveness.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d)*‘Nuclear war may sometimes be necessary.’

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Judaism

Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Judaism. [15]

4 Dialogue between religious and non-religious beliefs and attitudes

(a) Describe ONE Jewish belief about exclusivism. [3]

(b) Describe what inter-faith dialogue means to Jews in the UK.

In your response you must consider that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse, but mainly Christian. [6]

(c) Explain why some Jews might choose to send their children to faith schools.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d)*‘Jews and agnostics have no beliefs in common.’

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Judaism

Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Judaism. [15]

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