

**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**

**MODIFIED ENLARGED 24pt**

**YOU MUST HAVE:**

**the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet**

**(OCR12 sent with general stationery)**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**



## **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]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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