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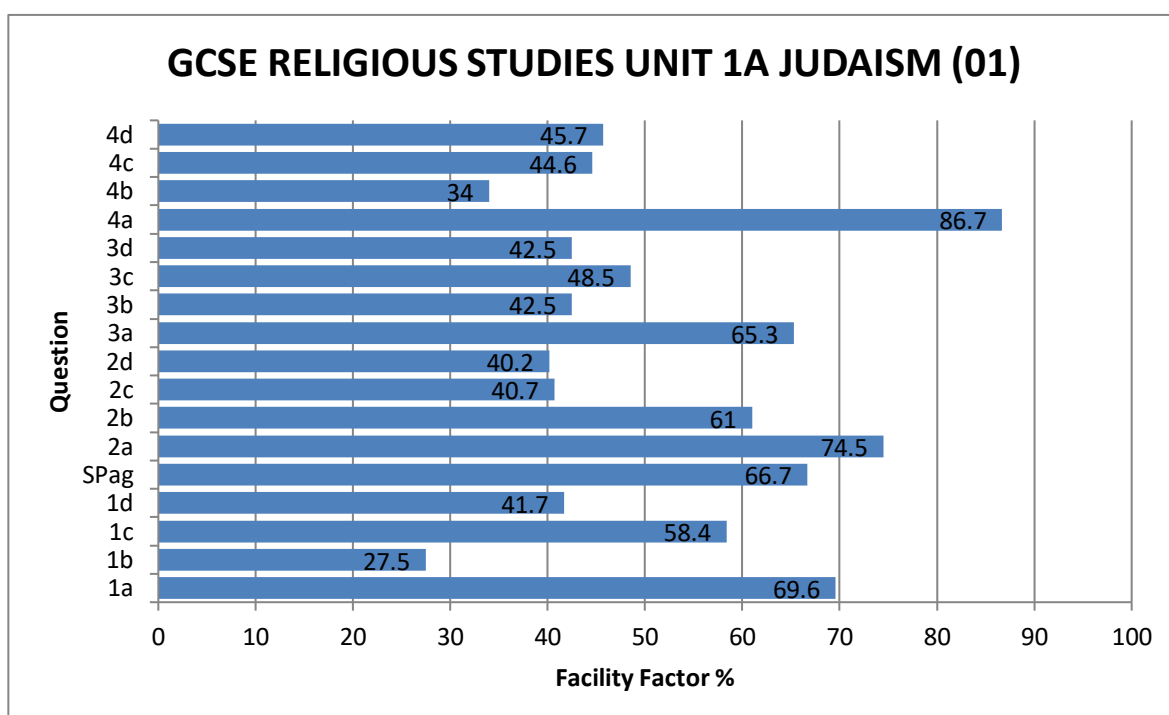
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UNIT 1A JUDAISM

UNIT 1A JUDAISM - ITEM LEVEL DATA

All Candidates' performance across questions

<i>Question Title</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>S D</i>	<i>Max Mark</i>	<i>F F</i>	<i>Attempt %</i>
1a	3122	1.4	0.8	2	69.6	84.7
1b	2745	1.4	1.3	5	27.5	74.4
1c	3590	4.7	2.1	8	58.4	97.3
1d	3470	6.3	3.6	15	41.7	94.1
SPag	3509	4	1.9	6	66.7	95.2
2a	3024	1.5	0.8	2	74.5	82
2b	3491	3	1.3	5	61	94.7
2c	3259	3.3	1.9	8	40.7	88.4
2d	3109	6	3.6	15	40.2	84.3
3a	3280	1.3	0.8	2	65.3	88.9
3b	3379	2.1	1.3	5	42.5	91.6
3c	3226	3.9	2	8	48.5	87.5
3d	3244	6.4	3.4	15	42.5	88
4a	3478	1.7	0.5	2	86.7	94.3
4b	3041	1.7	1.3	5	34	82.5
4c	3220	3.6	1.9	8	44.6	87.3
4d	3406	6.9	3.4	15	45.7	92.3



QUESTION 2c AND MARK SCHEME

c) Explain why some Jewish men wear a kippah and tallith. [AO1 8]

Kippah (yarmulka) – skull cap worn by Jewish men.

- Worn to show God is above them and as a sign of awe and respect to God.
- Reminds Jews that they are in the presence of God.
- Provides Jews with an identity.
- Separates God and humans and therefore God is above all mankind.

Tallith – Prayer shawl. Worn during morning prayer

- To obey God's command – 'to make tassels on your garments'
- Tzitzit represents the 613 mitzvot (commands) given by God to the Jewish people.
- Reminds Jews that God is the lawgiver and they should base their lives around the mitzvot.
- Shows God's presence around the worshipper.

Where appropriate, relevant references are likely to include:

- 'Make tassels on the corners of their garments for all generations. They shall include a twist of sky-blue wool in the corner tassels. These shall be your tassels, and when you see them, you shall remember all of God's commandments so as to keep them.' (Numbers 15.38–39)

AO1 Marking Bands

Band	Band Descriptor	Mark Total
4	An excellent, highly detailed explanation showing awareness and insight into the religious idea, belief, practice, teaching or concept. Uses a range of religious/specialist language, terms and sources of wisdom and authority extensively, accurately and appropriately.	7-8
3	A very good, explanation showing awareness of the religious idea, belief, practice, teaching or concept. Uses a range of religious/specialist language, terms and sources of wisdom and authority accurately and appropriately.	5-6
2	A satisfactory explanation showing some awareness of the religious idea, belief, practice, teaching or concept. Uses religious/specialist language, terms and/or sources of wisdom and authority with some accuracy.	3-4
1	A limited explanation showing little awareness of the religious idea, belief, practice, teaching or concept. Uses religious/specialist language, terms and/or sources of wisdom and authority in a limited way and with little accuracy.	1-2
0	No relevant information provided.	0

Example 1

(c) Explain why some Jewish men wear a kippah and tallith. [8]

Some Jewish men wear a kippah to a synagogue because it covers the closest part of them to God to show respect. This shows that they are following God's rules and respecting them. A Tallith is worn to the synagogue because it has 4 ~~corner~~ tassels on each corner to represent that God is on all four corners of the earth, and 5 knots to represent the 5 books in the Torah. They wear these because it was commanded by God and they're following God's rules while worshipping him on a basic level. This is also showing their belief in God because they are wearing these items to show compassion to their creator. God is their leader meaning they are commanded to follow his steps and do as he commands. This means that they're ~~as~~ on God's good side.

Example 2

(c) Explain why some Jewish men wear a kippah and tallit.

[10]

Some Jewish ~~mean~~^{men} wear a kippah on their heads because it reminds Jews that God is always above them and God is always on their minds. Orthodox Jewish men will leave their kippah on all day as they believe it brings them closer to God. Reform Jewish men will sometimes ~~only~~ chose to wear their kippah for praying only.

Some Jewish ~~mean~~^{men} wear a tallit on their left arm and on their forehead. The tallit is a small black box with the Shema prayer ~~a~~ inside. So Jewish men will sometimes wear this to remind themselves that God is always in their hearts and always on their mind.

Example 3

(c) Explain why some Jewish men wear a kippah and tallith.

[8]

Jewish men wear a kippah or tallith to respect their God and to show that he is above.

Q2c MARKED ANSWERS WITH ASSESSMENT COMMENTS

Example 1

2c: 6

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A very good response with some religious and specialist language. There is also reference to a source of wisdom and authority – 'commanded by God'. There is a slight repetition towards the end of the response. Band 3, 6 marks.

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A satisfactory response. The candidate has clearly explained the importance of the kippah in the first paragraph. They have also referred to the different religious traditions. However, the candidate has confused their knowledge in the second part of the question and has referred to the tefillin rather than the tallith. Band 2, 3 marks.

(c) Explain why some Jewish men wear a kippah and tallith.

[8]

Jewish men wear a kippah or tallith to respect their God and to show that he is above.

A limited explanation with a limited use of religious language. Whilst the candidate has included both the kippah and tallith in the same sentence, credit has been given for the idea of 'respect' and that God 'is above'. The candidate would benefit from including each item in a separate paragraph and include religious language about why they are worn. Band 1, 2 marks.

QUESTION 2d AND MARK SCHEME

(d) 'Jews need a rabbi to help them worship.'

**Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)** **[AO2 15]**

- The rabbi supports the spiritual welfare of their congregation through sermons.
- The rabbi will help the congregation understand Judaism and develop their understanding of worship in the synagogue.
- The rabbi is often responsible for the services in the synagogue.
- They prepare children for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah, allowing the child to understand worship.
- Members of the community can lead synagogue worship.
- The words from the Torah and sermons help Jews worship.
- Jews can gain a sense of the Shekhinah (God's presence) by praying, studying or performing mitzvot. This 'presence' can be felt individually, not through the rabbi.

Where appropriate, relevant references are likely to include:

References to sermons being given by a rabbi.

AO2 MARKING BANDS

Band	Band Descriptor	Mark Total
4	An excellent, highly detailed analysis and evaluation of the issue based on comprehensive and accurate knowledge of religion, religious teaching and moral reasoning. Clear and well supported judgements are formulated and a comprehensive range of different and/or alternative viewpoints are considered. Uses and interprets religious/specialist language, terms and sources of wisdom and authority extensively, accurately, appropriately and in detail.	12-15
3	A very good, detailed analysis and evaluation of the issue based on thorough and accurate knowledge of religion, religious teaching and moral reasoning. Judgements are formulated with support and a balanced range of different and/or alternative viewpoints are considered. Uses and interprets religious/specialist language, terms and sources of wisdom and authority accurately, appropriately and in detail.	8-11
2	A satisfactory analysis and evaluation of the issue based on some accurate knowledge of religion, religious teaching and moral reasoning. Some judgements are formulated and some different and/or alternative viewpoints are considered. Uses and interprets some religious/specialist language, terms and/or sources of wisdom and authority with some accuracy.	4-7
1	A weak analysis and evaluation of the issue based on limited and/or inaccurate knowledge of religion, religious teaching and/or moral reasoning. A limited and/or poor attempt or no attempt to formulate judgements or offer different and/or alternative viewpoints. Poor use or no use of religious/specialist language, terms and/or sources of wisdom and authority.	1-3
0	No relevant point of view stated.	0

Example 1

(d) 'Jews need a rabbi to help them worship.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15]

The Synagogue is led ~~very~~^{by} the Rabbi and the Rabbi is in charge of many Jewish ceremonies ~~and~~. This includes Bar and Bat Mitzvah which are very important. The Rabbi will also help Jews outside of prayer. The Rabbi can give Jews moral advice and help the wider community. However, Jews can worship in other ways without the help of the Rabbi. A lot of Jewish worship takes place in the home, without the Rabbi. This includes keeping a kitchen Kosher, which is done by separating meat and dairy foods and following ~~Kosher rules~~ Kosher rules. Also, Shabbat ~~fasts~~ mostly takes place in the home without a Rabbi. During Shabbat, Jews are ~~forbidden~~ forbidden to do any work and take time to focus on worship and family. Another way many Jews worship without the help of the Rabbi is by praying before every meal to thank God ~~for~~.

for their food. Also, in the home, every time that a Jewish person enters a door, they touch the Mezuzah as a sign of respect to God. There is a Mezuzah on every door in the Jewish home except from the bathroom as it is a dirty area. Touching the Mezuzah reminds Jews of God's presence.

The Rabbi can also give marital ~~adv~~ advice to the Jews who seek it. The Rabbi conducts the prayer on the Saturday morning of Shabbat which is the most ~~important~~ important prayer of the week. The Rabbi is the head of the Synagogue who makes sure that the religious ~~servi~~ services run smoothly. The Rabbi will also offer advice about life and worship to the Jews who care for it. The Rabbi is a pillar of every Jewish community. In Reform Judaism, in which the rules regarding gender are changed to better suit today's society, women can now become Rabbis as well as men.

Example 2

(d) 'Jews need a rabbi to help them worship.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)

[15]

I disagree with this statement because not ~~only~~ ^{all} jews need a rabbi ~~there~~ ^{at} their side to show their love and worship towards God, the rabbi is known to be there for help and guidance in difficult situations and ~~is~~ is able to teach you about Judaism and is always there for any Jew to turn to but it is not always ~~necessary~~ ^{necessary} necessary that you have to have a rabbi with you, for example, if you wanted to worship from home quickly before leaving for work, school or running any errands you would simply not have enough time to call for a rabbi, so if jews needed a rabbi for them to be able to worship God, praying and showing respect to God would happen a lot less because a rabbi will not always be able to help. Despite the fact I disagree with this statement some Jews (especially ~~on~~ people that are new to the community) will only feel comfortable ~~when worshipping~~ ^{when showing} showing their respect and worship towards God with the help from the rabbi. They may seek guidance from

the rabbi and would want to be reassured that they are praying and showing respect correctly. Due to the rabbi being a big part in the judaism faith they might feel more comfortable surrounded by the rabbi or even feel closer to God. In conclusion I think a key part in judaism is to be able to worship and respect God ~~for~~ wherever you are, whether you're in a synagogue, at home ~~are~~ or even just out, so having to have a rabbi with you every time you want to worship God limits the amount you can actually speak to God.

Example 3

(d) 'Jews need a rabbi to help them worship.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)

[15]

Jews only need a rabbi if someone is in death or when in a synagogue but after that they don't need a rabbi because there also can be a place for worship and you won't need a rabbi to ~~take~~ take the sermon for them but some Jews can argue with this statement because they feel like they need a rabbi because it's the strongest thing to God and need him ~~at~~ all the time because he can give us the right information at all times.

Example 1

2d 15

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An excellent and highly detailed response, with alternative viewpoints provided. The candidate has used and interpreted religious and specialist language and sources of authority extensively, accurately, appropriately and in detail. They have used a variety of Jewish beliefs and practices to discuss why Jews do not need a rabbi. Band 4, 15 marks.

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A very good and balanced analysis. The candidate has provided alternative viewpoints and there is some reference to the candidate using religious and specialist language appropriately. However, there is some repetition in first part of the response. Band 3, 9 marks.

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Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
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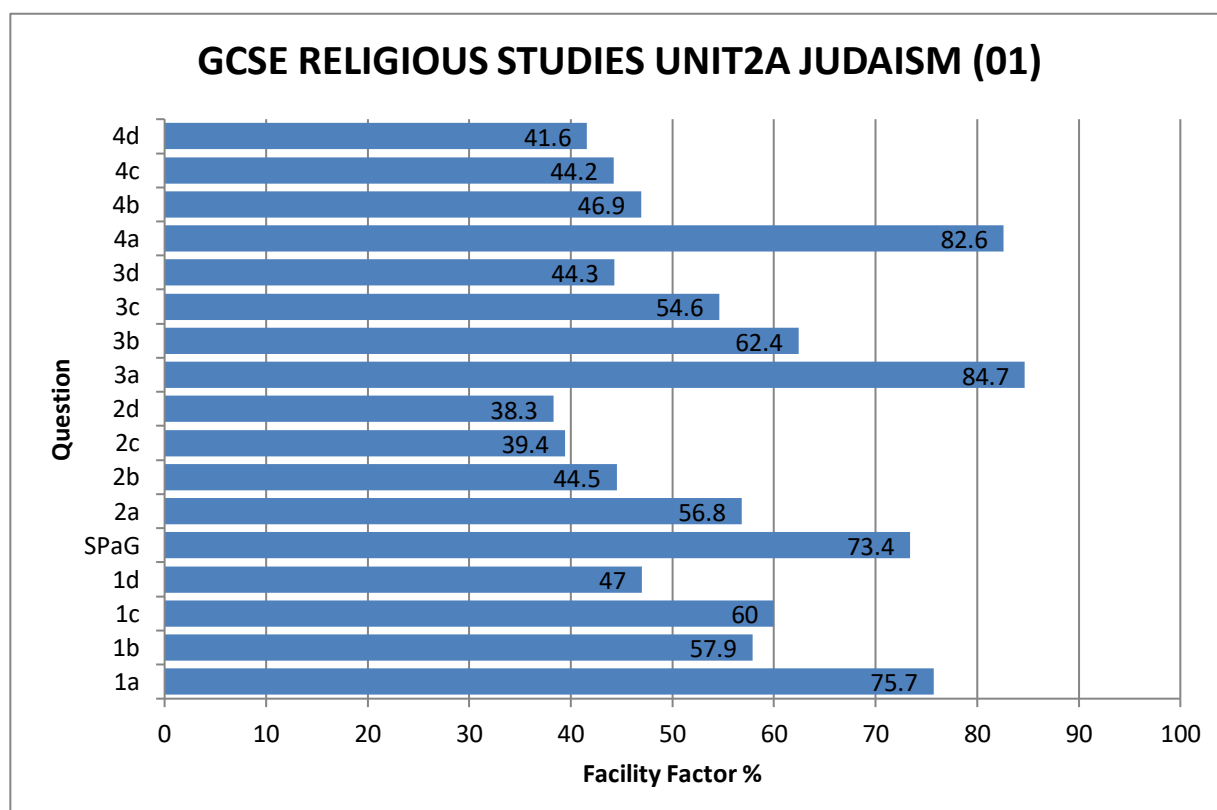
A satisfactory analysis with some evidence of religious and specialist language. There is some evidence of alternative viewpoints with judgements considered. The candidate would benefit from proofreading their response to ensure their answer is linked to the statement and is supported with religious language and sources of wisdom and authority. Band 2, 4 marks.

UNIT 2A JUDAISM

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All Candidates' performance across questions

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1a	2444	1.5	0.7	2	75.7	89.5
1b	2620	2.9	1.2	5	57.9	95.9
1c	2638	4.8	1.9	8	60	96.6
1d	2563	7.1	3.9	15	47	93.8
SPaG	2600	4.4	1.8	6	73.4	95.2
2a	2273	1.1	0.9	2	56.8	83.2
2b	2179	2.2	1.5	5	44.5	79.8
2c	2460	3.1	2.1	8	39.4	90.1
2d	2313	5.7	3.5	15	38.3	84.7
3a	2612	1.7	0.6	2	84.7	95.6
3b	2566	3.1	1.3	5	62.4	94
3c	2480	4.4	2	8	54.6	90.8
3d	2460	6.6	3.4	15	44.3	90.1
4a	2492	1.7	0.6	2	82.6	91.3
4b	2325	2.3	1.5	5	46.9	85.1
4c	2220	3.5	1.9	8	44.2	81.3
4d	2279	6.2	3.7	15	41.6	83.5



QUESTION 2c AND MARK SCHEME

c) Explain why Bar Mitzvah is important to Jews. [8]

- Marks the beginning of a lifetime of Jewish learning, study and participation in the Jewish community.
- Becoming Bar Mitzvah publicly marks the time when the Jewish boy will be old enough to live out the commandments of the Torah and be responsible for his own sins.
- Bar Mitzvah marks a child becoming an adult and enters into a covenantal relationship with God.
- Bar Mitzvah marks the boy being able to take part in synagogue worship.
- The Jewish boy can now read the Torah and is now part of the minyan.
- It is a celebration with thousands of years of tradition.
- The Jewish boy will wear tefillin for the first time.
- A Jewish boy will now carry out mitzvot (commandments).
- The Jewish boy can now take part in Jewish festivals, such as fasting at Yom Kippur.

Where appropriate, relevant references are likely to include:

"Blessed is He who has freed me from responsibility for this boy."

AO1 Marking Bands

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2	A satisfactory explanation showing some awareness of the religious idea, belief, practice, teaching or concept. Uses religious/specialist language, terms and/or sources of wisdom and authority with some accuracy.	3–4
1	A limited explanation showing little awareness of the religious idea, belief, practice, teaching or concept. Uses religious/specialist language, terms and/or sources of wisdom and authority in a limited way and with little accuracy.	1–2
0	No relevant information provided.	0

Example 1

(c) Explain why Bar Mitzvah is important to Jews.

[8]

Bar Mitzvah is important because it ~~allows Jewish~~ marks the start of adulthood for a Jewish male. This is because ~~Jews at the~~ Jewish boys at the age of 13 are said to be mature enough to carry out all the mitzvot. It allows them to take on more responsibility and carry out more duties for God.

Bar Mitzvah is important because it allows boy Jew to enter a deeper covenantal relationship with God. After their Bar Mitzvah boys can join a minyan. Being part of a minyan allows them to strengthen their connections with the community and God, therefore entering a deeper covenantal relationship.

Bar Mitzvah allows Jews to learn more about their religion. Before the ceremony a Jewish boy attends classes with a rabbi. This is important as it helps them to develop a better understanding, deepening their faith and religion.

Example 2

(c) Explain why Bar Mitzvah is important to Jews.

[8]

Bar Mitzvah is important to Jews as it commemorates a 13 year old boy's entry into adulthood and them becoming an official member of the ~~church~~ synagogue. It is important because it shows the boy's commitment to his faith, as he must learn Hebrew and memorise a passage from the Torah beforehand - there is lots of preparation involved. Bar Mitzvah shows that a boy is now responsible for himself and able to make his own decisions, therefore being judged individually in the eyes of God.

Example 3

(c) Explain why Bar Mitzvah is important to Jews.

[8]

Bar Mitzvah is important to Jews because it is a time where a boy in a Jewish family comes of age when they turn 13, so they have a party to celebrate their sons coming of age as it is a big thing in a Jewish person's life. It is important because he recites a part of the Tenakh to show his maturity of his age.

Example 1

2c: 8

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Bar Mitzvah allows Jews to learn more about their religion. Before the ceremony a Jewish boy attends classes with a rabbi. This is important as it helps them to develop a better understanding, deepening their faith and religion.

An excellent and highly detailed response. Religious language is used extensively, accurately and appropriately. The candidate has written clear reasons and has developed the points made. Band 4, 8 marks

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A very good response with some religious and specialist language. The candidate has written some clear reasons and has developed some of the points made. For example, they have developed the idea of the boy becoming an adult and an official member of the synagogue. The candidate would benefit from including further religious language (mitzvah, minyan, tefillin) and explaining how these are relevant to the question. Band 3, 5 marks.

Example 3

2c: 2

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[8]

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A limited explanation with a limited use of religious language. The candidate has not focused on the demands of the question although there is a very brief reference to coming of age. There is also some evidence of attempting to explain in the last part of the answer where the candidate writes about reading the Tenakh. Band 1, 2 marks.

QUESTION 2d AND MARK SCHEME

d) 'It is easy to celebrate Jewish festivals in Britain.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) **[15]**

- It is not difficult – they have been observed for centuries, sometimes in a time of extreme hardship and persecution, with no problems.
- Modern technology makes it easier to prepare and celebrate festivals.
- It is not difficult with the support of the Jewish community.
- There is tolerance for religious practice in Britain's multi-faith society.
- Time off work is not difficult – Jews can work flexi-time.
- It is difficult to celebrate Jewish festivals in a non-Jewish society.
- There are many Jewish festivals, some are lengthy – this means time off work and school.
- Difficult to celebrate the weekly Shabbat – this is a social day for most people in Britain.
- Celebrating festivals can be costly – special foods have to be purchased and cooked for specific festivals.
- Beliefs and practices associated with festivals mark the Jews as different – this could result in prejudice and discrimination.
- Celebrating overcoming adversity.

Where appropriate, relevant references are likely to include:

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.....you shall not do any work [Exodus 20.8-10].

This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance. [Exodus 12.14].

AO2 Marking Bands

Band	Band Descriptor	Mark Total
4	An excellent, highly detailed analysis and evaluation of the issue based on comprehensive and accurate knowledge of religion, religious teaching and moral reasoning. Clear and well supported judgements are formulated and a comprehensive range of different and/or alternative viewpoints are considered. Uses and interprets religious/specialist language, terms and sources of wisdom and authority extensively, accurately, appropriately and in detail.	12–15
3	A very good, detailed analysis and evaluation of the issue based on thorough and accurate knowledge of religion, religious teaching and moral reasoning. Judgements are formulated with support and a balanced range of different and/or alternative viewpoints are considered. Uses and interprets religious/specialist language, terms and sources of wisdom and authority accurately, appropriately and in detail.	8–11
2	A satisfactory analysis and evaluation based on some accurate knowledge of religion, religious teaching, and moral reasoning. Some judgements are formulated and some different and/or alternative viewpoints considered. Uses and interprets some religious/specialist language, terms and/or sources of wisdom and authority generally accurately.	4–7
1	A weak analysis and evaluation, based on a limited and/or inaccurate knowledge of religion, religious teaching and moral reasoning. A limited and/or poor attempt or no attempt to formulate judgements or offer alternative or different viewpoints. Poor use or no use of religious/specialist language, terms and/or sources of wisdom and authority.	1–3
0	No relevant point of view stated.	0

Q2d UNMARKED ANSWERS

Example 1

(d) 'It is easy to celebrate Jewish festivals in Britain.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15]

Many Jews may disagree with this statement and say it is difficult to celebrate Jewish festivals because of modern day activities such as school. During winter, the sun sets very early. And during Shabbat, Jews are meant to rest from sundown on Friday, however for children in school or people in work this is difficult because they are missing valuable time which can be very necessary.

Some Jews will also disagree with this statement because during Shabbat, Jews are not allowed to drive, however if a Jewish person has errands to run on the weekend (during Shabbat) they can't because it goes against God's rules. However, sometimes these errands are a necessity.

Many Jews in Britain will also disagree with this statement because in rural Britain, there aren't many synagogues, therefore if Jews want to celebrate a Jewish festival that involves going to the synagogue, it is very difficult because it would be a very long journey.

On the other hand, many Jews who live in urban areas may agree with this statement because in areas with higher ~~pop~~ populations, there are more Jews therefore workplaces and schools may be more compliant with Jewish festivals, allowing Jews to easily celebrate their religion.

Some Jews may also agree with the statement because in urban areas there ~~are~~ is always a synagogue for Jews, therefore celebrating a Jewish holiday is easier because long distance travel is not an issue for them.

To conclude, many Jews would disagree with the statement because of the sheer amount of difficulties they face in trying to celebrate their religion, however some Jews may agree with the statement because in ~~the~~ urban areas there is more access and more understanding towards Judaism, so it ~~is~~ is easy for them to celebrate.

Example 2

(d) 'It is easy to celebrate Jewish festivals in Britain.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15]

'It is easy to celebrate Jewish festivals in Britain', I agree with this statement because most of the Jewish festivals take place in the household e.g. ~~Yom~~ ^{Pesach} ~~Kippur~~. Although most Jewish festivals take place in the household some Jews may feel the need to celebrate somewhere closer to G-D however in Britain we see few Synagogues but many churches.

Another reason as to why I agree with this statement is because every Sabbath Jews will fast, spend quality time together and pray in the house which could be located anywhere. However ~~as said before~~ bigger festivals such as Yom Kippur need to be celebrated in big groups of Jews and in places where they feel a deeper sense of connection with ~~God~~ G-D.

To conclude I feel as though it is pretty difficult to celebrate Jewish festivals in Britain.

Example 3

(d) 'It is easy to celebrate Jewish festivals in Britain.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15]

Many Jews would agree with this statement due to the fact that in cities like Cardiff, there is a very large Jewish community and are a lot of Synagogues where Jews are able to pray on Shabbat, hold bar / bat mitzvahs and sometimes Brit milah. However, it can be difficult for Jews to be given the day of rest due to today's society, for example; many jobs would expect workers to do work on Sunday. Rubbish men may expect to collect rubbish on a Sunday, and therefore, the Jewish day of rest ~~can~~ can be easily disrupted.

Example 1

2d: 12

(d) 'It is easy to celebrate Jewish festivals in Britain.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)

[15]

Many Jews may disagree with this statement and say it is difficult to celebrate Jewish festivals because of modern day activities such as school. During winter, the sun sets very early. And during Shabbat, Jews are meant to rest from sundown on Friday, however for children in school or people in work this is difficult because they are missing valuable time which could be very necessary.

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Many Jews in Britain will also disagree with this statement because in rural Britain, there aren't many synagogues, therefore if Jews want to celebrate a Jewish festival that involves going to the synagogue, it is very difficult because it would be a very long journey.

On the other hand, many Jews who live in urban areas may agree with this statement because in areas with higher ~~pop~~ populations, there are more Jews therefore workplaces and schools may be more compliant with Jewish festival, allowing Jews to easily celebrate their religion.

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To conclude, many Jews would disagree with the statement because of the sheer amount of difficulties they face in trying to celebrate their religion, however some Jews may agree with the statement because in ~~the~~ urban areas there is more access and more understanding towards Judaism, so it ~~is~~ is easy for them to celebrate.

The candidate has provided a reason to disagree with the statement. This is developed with an example to support the reason. The candidate has also provided an alternative viewpoint, which is supported with an example. There is also evidence of the candidate linking their view to the statement. An excellent and balanced analysis. There is evidence of alternative viewpoints with some well supported viewpoints. The candidate would benefit from including different Jewish festivals to further support their response. Band 4, 12 marks.

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'It is easy to celebrate Jewish festivals in Britain', I agree with this statement because most of the Jewish festivals take place in the household e.g. ^{Pasover} ~~Passover~~ ~~Kippur~~. Although most Jewish festivals take place in the household some Jews may feel the need to celebrate somewhere closer to G-D however in Britain we see few Synagogues but many churches.

Another reason as to why I agree with this statement is because every Sabbath Jews will fast, spend quality time together and pray in the house which could be located anywhere. However ~~as said before~~ bigger festivals such as Yom Kippur need to be celebrated in big groups of Jews and in places where they feel a deeper sense of connection with ~~God~~ G-D.

To conclude I feel as though it is pretty difficult to celebrate Jewish festivals in Britain.

A satisfactory analysis with some religious language that has been used with some accuracy. Some judgements are formulated, and alternative viewpoints are considered. There is some development of the points made and some evidence to evaluate these points. The candidate would benefit from stating new, different points, explaining them, with some evidence, and linking the point to the statement. Band 2, 7 marks.

Example 3

(d) 'It is easy to celebrate Jewish festivals in Britain.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [1]

Many Jews would agree with this statement due to the fact that in cities like Cardiff, there is a very large Jewish community and are a lot of Synagogues where Jews are able to pray on Shabbat and bar / mitzvahs and sometimes Brit milah. However, it can be difficult for Jews to be given the day of rest due to today's society, for example; many jobs would expect workers to do work on Sunday. Rubbish men may expect to collect rubbish on a Sunday and therefore, the Jewish day of rest can be easily disrupted.

A weak response. The candidate has written about rites of passage rather than festivals in the first part of the answer, which is not creditworthy. The second part of the response is weak and there is limited religious language. Band 1, 3 marks.