UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

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COURSE: Religion 1B/1BB1 **TIME:** 2 hours

QUESTION PAPER: **MARKS:** 100
Introduction of Judiasm and Islam

SUBJECT CODE: REL 1B21 / 1BB1

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(THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 3 PAGES)

1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

SECTION A: JUDAISM
Please answer this section in one answer booklet.
You have an hour for this section.
The section is out of 50 marks.

QUESTION 1
Answer either a) or b)

a) What was the importance of the Temple to the Jewish people? When was it built and when was it destroyed? (5)
b) Explain what the Exile was and the impact it had on Judaism? (5)

QUESTION 2
Answer either a or b

a) Critically discuss how in the Old Testament Jewish people understand land in terms of their faith. (10)
b) Critically discuss where or not you think that because a Divine Being has promised you/your people land this is a socially just reason to fight others for this land. (10)

QUESTION 3
Answer either a) or b)

a) In an essay discuss the importance of the laws within the Jewish faith and identity. (20)
b) In an essay outline the different festivals that a practicing Jew would observe in a given year and explain why these are important to their faith and sense of identity as Jewish people. (20)

QUESTION 4
Answer either a) or b)

a) In a paragraph discuss if the Holocaust is a sign that God is dead. (5)
b) In a paragraph explain the Jewish ethical principle of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. (5)

QUESTION 5
Answer either a) or b)

a) In an essay discuss how the different contemporary forms of Judaism understand women and the role of women. (10)
b) Explain the role that the Second World War and the Holocaust played in the establishment of the State of Israel and the formation of modern Judaism. (10)

SECTION B: ISLAM
Please answer this section in one answer booklet.
You have an hour for this section.
The section is out of 50 marks.

Make sure you answer PART1 and PART 2.

PART 1

Answer ALL the following questions.
Total marks for this section is 20 marks.

1. Write about the Umayyad Caliphate (7)
2. According to Tarif Khalidi there are four major themes in the Qur'an. Name the four themes (4)
3. Briefly describe Prophet Muhammad's nocturnal ascension to heaven (6)
4. Mention three South African Islamic movements in the struggle against Apartheid (3)

PART 2

Answer any **TWO** from the following questions
Total marks for this section is 30 marks.

1. Discuss the five pillars of Islam (15)

2. Describe the structure of the Qur'an. Mention differences between *surahs* revealed in Mecca and those revealed in Medina (15)

3. Explain the five theological principles of the Mu'tazilites (15)

4. Define the term *fiqh*. Name six sources of Islamic law and 5 legal schools (15)

5. Give an account of the experience of the first Muslims at the Cape in the seventeenth-century (15)