## LAWGIVER & JUDGE; DIVINE PRESENCE

Which one of the following means Jewish rules or commandments? [1 mark]
A) Manna B) Messiah C) Mitvot D) Covenant
State two of the Ten Commandments. [2 marks]

Judaism

**Beliefs and Teachings** 

Worship only God, do not worship idols, do not blaspheme, remember the Sabbath and keep it holy, honour your father and mother, do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not lie, do not covet

3. Explain two beliefs about God as judge.

He will judge Jews every year on Yom Kippur> Jews should repent of their sins in Rosh Hashanah and the Days of Wonder. God will judge Jews at the end of their lives> this judgement will affect them in the life to come. God is the righteous lawgiver who sets the Mitzvot and judges accordingly. God's judgement is just> God can be trusted to deal with people fairly

4. Explain two things than Jews can learn about God from the Shema. [5 marks]

Israel are God's chosen people> "hear O Israel", God is one > "The Lord is one", Jews should honour God above all else> "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your might."

[4 marks]

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5. 'Jews should follow all of the Mitzvot.'

## Reasons to agree:

They were given to Moses as part of the Covenant at Sinai> This covenant is extremely important to Jews> God promises freedom from slavery as part of the covenant. The rules are good> following the rules will lead to a righteous life e.g. "do not kill/do not steal". The rules ensure that the Jews are distinctive> They are God's chosen people and they should be seen to be different as they are holy to God. Following the mitzvah shows commitment to God> the Shema shows that Jews should love God with all of their heart, soul and strength> following the rules, especially the more obscure ones does this

## **Reasons to disagree:**

It is impossible> some of the Mitzvot involve the temple which does not exist at present> some are impossible for Jews who do not live in Israel. Some of the Mitzvah are obscure/irrelevant> "do not boil a kid in it's mothers milk" "do not wear garments of more than one material." "do not plant different crops next to each other". Some are unethical> e.g. people should be stoned for working on the Sabbath. Instead Jews should focus on the three moral principles> Tikkun Olam/ healing the world, Chesed / kindness, Tzedekah/ justice. Instead Jews should just focus on the Ten Commandments> "do not kill" etc

[12 marks]