

1. Which of the following is not a Jewish moral principle? [1 mark]

A) Halakha                      B) Chesed                      C) Tikkun Olam                      D) Tzedekah

2. Give two examples of how a Jew could practice Tzedekah. [2 marks]

treat all people fairly/ become a judge or work for the police/ obey the rules in sporting fixtures/fight for the rights of those who are unjustly treated/ treat all people fairly

3. Explain two Jewish teachings about kindness. [4 marks]

Chesed/ one of the key moral principles

“love your neighbour”

“Love foreigners as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt.” Leviticus 19:34

4. Explain two Jewish teachings about justice. [5 marks]

Tzedekah/ one of the key moral principles

Jews should live just lives “and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

Fight for justice in society “But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” Amos 5:24

5. 'Tikkun Olam should be a Jew's highest priority.'

[12 marks]

Reasons to agree:

Tikkun Olam means "Healing the world"> God made the world> Jews see it as important to care for what God has made. Genesis says that when God made the world he said it was 'good' Jews should make it a priority to keep it good.

Tikkun Olam means working for social justice as well as working to keep the environment thriving> this incorporates tzedakah and chesed as well as they will be showing kindness to others and bringing justice to society. The Messianic age will be a perfect time in the future looked forward to by Jews, by healing the world, they are working to this Messianic age by making things right.

Reasons to disagree:

Jews highest priority should be keeping the Mitzvot> covenant with Moses> mount Sinai> rescue from Egypt. They will be loving their neighbour by doing this and in part healing the world but the Mitzvah should be their highest priority.

Another priority for Jews should be to 'know God' this is one of the constant Mitzvot and involves studying God and knowing him in their hearts. Tikkun Olam can be done by Jews or Gentiles and so shouldn't be a Jew's highest priority.