

1. The word for prayer in Judaism is tefillah, what does it mean literally? [1 mark]  
A) Spring                      B) Summer                      C) Autumn                      D) Winter
2. Give two things that you find on a Seder plate. [2 marks]  
Maror (bitter herbs) karpas (vegetable – dipped in salt water) charoset (fruit and nut paste) Zeroa (shankbone) Baytza (roasted boiled egg)
3. Retell two elements of the story behind Pesach. [4 marks]  
Moses was sent by God to Pharaoh to tell him to release the Israelites. Pharaoh refused and God sent plagues on Egypt  
The final plague was the death of the first born. The angel of death visited Egypt and killed all of the first-born sons – however, he passed-over the houses of the Jews who had smeared lamb's blood on their door frames
4. Explain two reasons why Pesach is important to Jews [5 marks]  
See above (question 3)  
Additionally, they are commanded to celebrate it every year to remember that God rescued them from slavery “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

5. 'The Seder meal is the best way to celebrate Pesach.'

[12 marks]

Reasons to agree:

An interactive way to remember the story> Moses story> plagues> slavery> pharaoh etc> each item of food tells part of the story> Maror (bitter herbs) bitterness of slavery karpas (vegetable – dipped in salt water) tears of the slaves charoset (fruit and nut paste) cement made by the slaves Zeraa (shankbone) the mighty arm of God & the Passover lamb Baytza (roasted boiled egg) the regular temple sacrifice

The four questions gets the family involved in the retelling the story and passing the story on to the next generation

Reasons to disagree:

Removal of leavened food from the house (bedikat chametz). Family activity and can teach about cleaning one's life

Maot chittim (money for wheat) – money given to charity just before Pesach Attending synagogue (each first born son attends a Talmud study session by the Rabbi). The best way to celebrate Pesach is to be a good Jew and use your freedom for worshiping God and being kind to others