

1. The word for prayer in Judaism is tefillah, what does it mean literally? [1 mark]

A) to judge one self      B) to speak to God      C) to bow      D) to look up

2. Give two reasons why the ark is important to Jews. [2 marks]

It holds the Torah scrolls/ It is on the Eastern wall – so when praying, Jews are facing Jerusalem/ it represents the Holy of Holies

3. Describe two things a Jew may do to prepare to pray. [4 marks]

Wear a kippah/ wear a tallit/ wear a tefilin/ read the Siddur/ have Kavanah (the mindset for prayer)/ be clean and tidy

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

Who they are: They are part of Israel, God's chosen, special people/ Who God is: God is one – they are monotheistic/ How they should respond to God: They should love the Lord with all their heart, all their soul and all their strength.

5. 'The Amidah is the most important prayer for Jews.'

[12 marks]

Reasons to agree:

Jews do it every day, It has 19 blessings in it/ it shows how important God is/ shows how limited humans are/expresses hope for peace/ 3 blessings of praise, 13 of requests, 3 of gratitude. It is done standing up, facing Jerusalem

Reasons to disagree:

The Shema is more important: it is done twice a day and it shows who the Jews are: They are part of Israel, God's chosen, special people/ Who God is: God is one – they are monotheistic/ How they should respond to God: They should love the Lord with all their heart, all their soul and all their strength. The Shema is a declaration of faith. The Shema is taken directly from the Torah