

1. Which of the following can an Orthodox Jew not eat? [1 mark]

A) Lamb

B) Beef

C) Salmon

D) Pork

2. Give two regulations regarding eating meat for Jews. [2 marks]

Must be kosher e.g. lamb/ must be prepared by a shochet (kosher butcher)
Meat must be prepared by a shochet, slaughtered correctly and the blood removed from the animal

3. Describe two contrasting Jewish views about eating kosher. [4 marks]

Jews must be careful to only eat Kosher food e.g. chicken or lamb – not pork.
Meat must be prepared by a shochet, slaughtered correctly and the blood removed from the animal

4. Explain two Jewish food regulations. [5 marks]

Only kosher food should be consumed (see above)
Jews should not eat dairy and meat in the same meal or in quick succession
“Do not boil a kid in its mother’s milk”

5. 'Jews should not follow kosher food rules today.

[12 marks]

Reasons to agree:

The rules are archaic and hard to follow in today's culture> e.g. birthday parties/ BBQs etc/ Jews may find themselves outcasted from social gatherings if they stick strictly to the rules

Eating is a key way to build relationships> strict food rules will limit their social lives and where they can go

Most of the rules were given to keep the Jews safe, e.g. badly cooked pork and shellfish can kill. Today we don't need to worry so much as we have developed knowledge of how to prepare, cook and eat food perfectly safely
Slaughtering animals with no anaesthetic is inhumane

Reasons to disagree:

The rules are part of the Mitzvah> Covenant with Moses> Sinai> No longer slaves etc. Just because a rule is old doesn't make it irrelevant

Jews are God's chosen people and are called to be different and set apart
Following the food rules allow Jews to show their commitment and devotion to God