

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each question of the question paper.

Candidate 2

Question 13

Candidate was awarded **5 marks**.

Giving the word 'omnipotent' along with the meaning and the example of the creation of the universe was awarded **2 marks**. Again, giving 'omniscient' along with the meaning and the example of the fact that God knows everything that will happen was awarded a further **2 marks**. **1 mark** was given for 'transcendent' and what this means with no mark awarded for the example given as this is not correct. At this point the candidate had been awarded all of the available marks. The idea of lawgiver with the example of the 613 mitzvot would be worth 2 marks and 1 mark could have been awarded for 'God is eternal' and always existing.

Question 14(a)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

1 mark was awarded for God judging our souls to determine our afterlife. No mark was awarded for 'after we die' as it is too close to the previous mark. **1 mark** was awarded for the idea that judgement takes place when the Messiah comes and **1 mark** for judgement taking place during high holy days. The answer about 10 days is about repentance and not judgement so no marks were awarded. **1 mark** was awarded for the belief that they should not worry about judgement but instead work on their relationship with God.

Question 14(b)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

1 mark was awarded for 'performing Tzedakah'. **1 mark** was given for the idea that some Jews will do things to get a better judgement. **1 mark** was given for the idea of feeling comforted by judgement because they will be judged fairly. **1 mark** was given for following the 613 mitzvot. At this point the candidate has achieved full marks, but the idea of feeling you are set up to fail would also have been worth 1 mark.

Question 15(a)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

1 mark was given for adhering to Brit Milah. Continuing this further, **1 mark** was given for 'circumcised by the time he is 8 days old', and **2 marks** were given for the description of circumcision. 3 marks were awarded at 'correctly' for the concept of kosher including not eating pork and shellfish and the animal being killed correctly. **2 marks** were given for the idea of not eating meat and dairy and that they should be eaten at least three hours apart. In total there are 9 creditworthy points and the candidate gets full marks.

Question 15(b)

The candidate was awarded **8 marks**.

1 mark was given for the fact that it is easier to turn on an oven than start a fire. A further **1 mark** was given for Brit Milah being outdated and of no benefit to anyone. **1 mark** was given for the idea that Shabbat could affect your social life on a Saturday night. **1 mark** was given for Kosher not being relevant in a very rural area. **1 mark** was given for the idea of shellfish carrying norovirus which is very harmful. A further **1 mark** was given for the idea that it unites Jews. **1 mark** was given for the idea of relaxing time with your family and benefiting mental health. **1 mark** was given for the fact it keeps Jewish identity.