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**TITLE OF PAPER : Post-biblical Judaism
COURSE CODE : TRS 207
DURATION : 2 Hours**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.
3. The paper consists of two (2) printed pages including the cover page.
4. All questions carry equal marks.

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Question 1

Discuss problems behind the position that a Jew is “any person born of a Jewish mother or has gone through the formal process of conversion to Judaism”. [20]

Question 2

Briefly summarise important events that happened in the life of the Jews from about 333 BCE to the present and explain how these peoples make sense of those developments. [20]

Question 3

Identify the defining characteristics of reform Judaism and suggest possible factors influencing the thinking of this community. [20]

Question 4

Highlight eschatological beliefs in Judaism and discuss ways in which those beliefs compare with other religious traditions. [20]

Question 5

Identify three important festivals in Judaism and explain their significance in the faith of devout Jews. [20]

Question 6

Discuss various messianic beliefs in Judaism and, in what ways do those beliefs resonate with mainstream Christianity? [20]