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Course Code : TRS 207
Title of Paper : Post-biblical Judaism
Duration : 2 Hours

Instructions:

1. Answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Your answer to each question must be structured and consistently focused on the subject matter at hand.
3. Indicate on the front cover page of your answer script the name of your programme of study and whether you are studying full time or through the Institute of Distance Education.

NB: All questions are worth 20 marks.

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Question 1

Explain the complexity surrounding defining Judaism and Jewish identity.

Question 2

Analyse the teachings of Judaism on human nature and state your opinion on their socio-ethical significance.

Question 3

Elaborate on the observation by De Lange (2000, 2) that "within the Jewish religion belief itself occupies a somewhat secondary role".

Question 4

Identify and explain the significance of any two rites of passage practised in post-biblical Judaism.

Question 5

Discuss the factors that have prompted shifting positions on the belief in God within post-biblical Jewish theology.

Question 6

Write critical comments on the portrayal of women in the Talmud and folklore produced by Jewish rabbis.
