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2018/2019 Re-Sit Examination Paper (First Semester) July 2019

Title of paper : Post-biblical Judaism
Course code : TRS 207
Duration : 2 (Two) Hours

Instructions:

- a. Answer three (3) questions.
- b. Your answer to each question must be structured and consistently focused on the subject matter at hand.
- c. Indicate on the front cover 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 what exactly unites as well as divides the Jewish community across the globe.

Question 2

Discuss the manner in which the realities of assimilation, universalism and dispersion trigger inner contradictions in contemporary Jewish thought.

Question 3

In what ways do Jewish Messianic beliefs compare with those of mainstream Christianity?

Question 4

Analyse the contribution of the following towards contemporary Jewish theology:

- The Tanakh
- Jewish philosophy
- Jewish liturgy

Question 5

Why are additions to the written Laws given to Moses by God rejected by some streams of Judaism? [20]

Question 6

Given what you have learned about different streams of Post-biblical Judaism; do you think the prospects of it remaining a living religious tradition lie in seeking uniformity or working towards harmony?
