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Course code : TRS 207
Course title : Post-biblical Judaism
Duration : 2 (Two) Hours

Instructions

- a. Answer three 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.

NB: All questions are worth 20 marks.

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Question 1

Demonstrate the plausibility of the common scholarly and Judaic observation that Judaism is simultaneously a religion, culture and civilisation with reference to specific elements thereof.

Question 2

Comment on the variations within messianic beliefs held by observant Jews.

Question 3

Discuss the theological tenets developed and articulated by Maimonides about God as enshrined in the Thirteen Principles of Faith.

Question 4

Demonstrate the importance of a feminist voice within Jewish theology with reference to the works of Rachel Adler.

Question 5

Explain the theological significance of rituals in Jewish piety with reference to at least five of the festivals in the religious calendar.

Question 6

Give a reflective response to Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks' idea of the *Dignity of difference* as a proposal on the future of Judaism.
