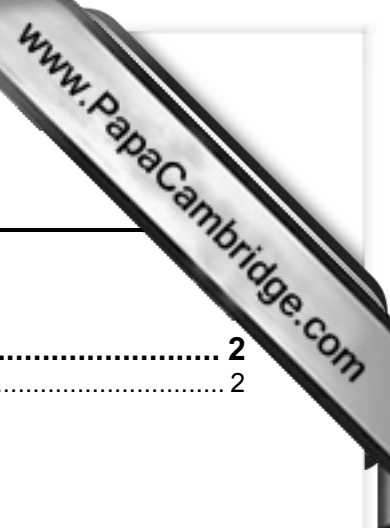


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General comments

Due to the small number of candidates, this report is substantially briefer than in the previous year.

There were no entries for Paper 3 (Coursework) of 0490.

Paper 1

All questions were attempted by the candidates examined. Knowledge of Islam and Judaism was much improved and showed real evidence of study.

Paper 2

Again, all questions were attempted. Most candidates showed good knowledge of the subject matter, and it was also pleasing to see a good level of understanding in the application of religion in the **(b)** sections.

Paper 4

This paper presents the greatest test of the candidates' ability to analyse and synthesise the information presented in the paper. There were, however, some excellent responses to all of the questions, with good use of the sources provided.