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Answer two questions.

1 (a) Explain why the Mishnah was so important for early Judaism.  

(b) ‘The writing down of the Oral Law reduced the authority of the Torah.’ Discuss.

2 (a) Explain the benefits to Jews of the laws of family purity (niddah).

(b) Assess the view that the purity laws degrade Jewish women.

3 (a) Explain the importance of halakhah for living a Jewish life.

(b) To what extent should individual Jews make their own decisions about which religious rules to follow?

4 (a) Explain why Jews believe they are the ‘chosen people’ of G-d.

(b) ‘Chosenness means being selected to be better than others.’ Discuss.