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**5 marks**

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However other people believe that the leader is more important because they tell you what the laws mean eg. Rabbi. These sacred writings were written long ago and are very complicated. They need explaining. A rabbi or leader would do this. Another argument would be that the leaders are the ones who wrote down the laws, eg Moses received the Ten Commandments. So he was chosen and is therefore more important

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I personally believe that writings are more important because they come from God. God is omnipotent, He knows everything, He is divine, and therefore anything that comes from Him has to be of the most importance. However, it is also important to remember that the sacred writing were given to humans who have written them down and translated them, therefore mistakes/changes to God’s words **could** have taken place

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Some people believe that sacred writings are more important than leaders because they are divine and given to humanity by God therefore are more correct and holy than a Rabbi who is a mere human i.e. isn't perfect, can make mistakes. Although some could argue that because the Torah is so complicated, you would need the aid of a Rabbi to interpret it for you and make it more understandable. The Rabbi learns all he knows with regard to religion from the Torah so in reality it is the Torah from which we learn from whether we read it directly from the Torah itself, or if we were told it directly from a Rabbi.

Another argument could be that the leaders were the ones who founded religion and the ones who wrote down the sacred writing so without them there would be no sacred writings; therefore this makes them more important. Also if you have a problem you can directly ask a leader who will be able to give you a religious explanation but, the answer will come from the sacred writings. He is the one who will know where to find it.

Personally I believe that the sacred writings are more important than leaders because it is the Torah which forms the foundation of Judaism and without it the leaders wouldn't have the main basic divine teachings or laws which would enable them to lead others to the right path to Judaism.

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