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Advanced

Unit 4: Implications – Islam

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Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

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You do not need any other materials.

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Read the passage carefully.
- Answer **BOTH** part (a) and part (b) of the question.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Quality of written communication will be taken into account in the marking of all your responses.
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.*

Advice

- The assessment of your answers will be based on your knowledge and understanding of the topic in question (for 60% of the marks) and your evaluative skills (for 40% of the marks).

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Islam

A religious issue which Ibn Sina (Avicenna) examined philosophically was the fate of the individual self. The Qur'an speaks of reward and punishment in the hereafter. This implies a re-creation (or continuation) of individual identity after death. (Whether it is re-created at the moment of judgement, or sustained after the individual's death, and if so, in what form and what states, is a question which was endlessly debated by theologians, and not surprisingly, without agreement.) Ibn Sina took a major step away from Hellenistic thought by arguing for individual immortality. In the process, he proposed what he thought was a proof for the existence of the soul. If a person were to imagine himself as 'suspended' in space, i.e. without dimensions, weight, and organs or limbs, he would still retain a sense of 'I'. This proved that there is an individual soul, and that it does not have to perish with the body.

(Source adapted from: Nanji, A. and Esmail, A. Islam in Quinn, P. and Taliaferro, C. (eds) *A Companion to Philosophy of Religion*, Blackwell, 2002, p220)

1. (a) Examine the argument and/or interpretation in the passage. (30)

- (b) Do you agree with the idea(s) expressed? Justify your point of view and discuss its implications for understanding religion and human experience. (20)

(Total 50 marks)

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