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Religious Studies

Advanced

Unit 4: Implications – Hinduism

Friday 14 June 2013 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

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You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

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 question 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.*

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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Hinduism

The highest good is identified with the total harmony of the cosmic or natural order, characterized as rita: this is the creative purpose that circumscribes human behaviour. The social and moral order is thus conceived 'as a correlate of the natural order. This is the ordered course of things, the truth of being or reality and hence the Law'.

One therefore does that which is consistent with, or which promotes, the good so perceived, and desists from doing that which produces the bad things or effects, so that overall the order is not unduly disturbed. An act is therefore right if it conforms to this general principle, and an act is wrong if it contravenes it. Since to do what is right safeguards the good of all, it is assumed that it is more or less obligatory to do or perform the right acts. The convergence of the cosmic and the moral orders is universally commended in the all-embracing category of dharma, which becomes more or less the Indian analogue for ethics.

(Source adapted from: Bilimoria, P. Indian ethics In Singer, P. (ed) *A Companion to Ethics*, Blackwell Publishers 2001 page 203, Edexcel anthology.)

- 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 for Question 1 = 50 marks)

Start your answer on page 3.



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