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Religious Studies

Advanced

Unit 4: Implications – Sikhism

Tuesday 21 June 2016 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

6RS04/1H

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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Sikhism

Sikh ethics are based upon three fundamental concepts – first, that the principles kirt karo, nam japo and vand cako, work, worship and charity, should dominate one's complete life. Second, that self-reliance (haumai) is the great enemy of God realization and that it manifests itself in the five evils of lust, anger, greed, materialism and pride. Activities which result from any of these vices should be avoided. This is best done by practising the virtues of contentment, patience, the service of others and humility, which is considered to be the lynchpin of them all. Guru Nanak once remarked, 'Sweetness and humility are the essence of all virtues' (AG 470).

The householder basis of ethics

It is as a householder (grihasthi), a member of a family, not as one who has withdrawn from the world either to become a student or a hermit, that a Sikh should explore the meaning of God-realization.

Putting the principles into practice is difficult because the requirement to live like a lotus in a dirty pond, to be in the world but not attached to it, to radiate beauty and remain pure, is hard. It is easier to turn away from the social responsibilities but asceticism and renunciation are rejected.

(Source: Cole, W. O. and Sambhi, P.S., *The Sikhs: their Religious Beliefs and Practices*, Sussex Academic Press, 1995, 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)

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