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Religious Studies
Advanced
Unit 4: Implications – Judaism

Thursday 17 June 2010 – Morning Time: 1 hour 15 minutes	Paper Reference 6RS04/1G
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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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Judaism

Judaism is very much a religion oriented towards practical perfection in this world ... This practical orientation finds its concrete expression in the codified norms of Torah-based behaviour called *Halakhah* or Jewish Law. While much of Halakhah is given over to what we would today call religious or ritual law, it encompasses civil, criminal and moral law as well. The moral component, however, is not distinguished in any way from other components of Halakhah and, at least from within the system, is seen as drawing its authority, as does the rest of the Torah, from God's command. Since Halakhah contains an ethical component it must be asked whether 'the Jewish tradition recognises an ethic independent of Halakhah'. Can there be, that is, significantly *Jewish* ethical norms not included in Halakhah?

This is a thorny problem.

(Source: Kellner, M. Jewish Ethics in Singer, P. (ed) *A Companion to Ethics*, Blackwell, 2001, p213)

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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