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Religious Studies

Advanced

Unit 4: Implications – Hinduism

Wednesday 15 June 2011 – Morning

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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Hinduism

Generally, reincarnation exhibits various features: first a human can be reborn in a variety of forms, whether in heaven as a god, or in a hellish purgatory, as a ghost, or as another life form, from insect to elephant. At the end of the day, she might achieve moksha or liberation from the round of rebirth. In this case there are varying possibilities: it might be an isolated, suffering-less existence; or it might be in some degree of intimate closeness to God, in a heavenly realm. A person who is liberated may have done it on her own, as in Samkhya-Yoga (though in this case she will have gained help from God); or it may be due entirely to God's grace... In the sramanic schools and in Samkhya, salvation is as it were dictated by the state of one's karma; while the theistic traditions treat karma as administered (so to speak) by God, and indeed it becomes itself an expression of God's grace.

(Source: Smart, N. Hinduism in Quinn, P. and Taliaferro, C. (eds)
A Companion to Philosophy of Religion, Blackwell, 2002, p200)

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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