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Religious Studies

Advanced

Unit 4: Implications – Judaism

Wednesday 15 June 2011 – Morning

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 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

Maimonides assumes that all ordinary predicates and relations are inapplicable to God and addresses the question how is it possible for us to speak of God at all, a problematic (uncertainty) voiced in the Midrashic remark: 'How great is the boldness of the prophets, who liken the creature to its Creator!' Maimonides deconstructs prophetic anthropomorphism. He shows how all Biblical anthropomorphisms aim to communicate some (human) idea of perfection, while excluding the limitations that human ideas typically entail. The God that emerges from this analysis is no ordinary being but a being of sheer perfection whose absolute and necessary existence is made explicit when God reveals Himself to Moses as 'I AM THAT I AM,' an All-sufficiency encapsulated in the Tetragrammaton, whose letters are the verb 'to be'.

(Source adapted from: Goodman, L. Judaism in Quinn, P. and Taliaferro, C. (eds)
A Companion to Philosophy of Religion, Blackwell, 2002, p240)

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)

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