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# Religious Studies

**Advanced**

**Unit 4: Implications – Sikhism**

Thursday 17 June 2010 – Morning  
**Time: 1 hour 15 minutes**

Paper Reference

**6RS04/1H**

**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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## Sikhism

We come to that phrase of the Mul Mantra which states that God is known to man by the Guru's grace... The assertion would seem to be that just as God is self-enlightened so God is the enlightener who cannot be discovered by philosophical study; austerities will not compel appearance and incantations, sacrifices or hymns of devotion cannot induce divine manifestation:

*'God does what God pleases. No one can tell God what to do.'* (AG 2)

The initiative is always God's. Guru Nanak's concept of God apparently leaves little place for free will because there is no room for dualism. Everything that happens has been predetermined and occurs because of the divine will. By this command (hukam) both good and evil happen:

*'God drives all according to the hukam, God's pen writes our deeds.'* (AG 1241):

*'Through the Divine Will greatness is won, some become high and some low; some get joy and some pain; some are lost in transmigration and some are blessed.'* (AG 1)

However, this is not the complete story. Right living cannot achieve release but it can lead to a better life in the next round of existence:

*'Good actions may procure a better form of life, but release comes only through grace.'* (AG 2)

(Source: Cole, W. O. and Sambhi, P. S. *The Sikhs: their Religious Beliefs and Practices*, Sussex Academic Press, 1995, p68)

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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