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Advanced

Unit 4: Implications – Sikhism

Wednesday 17 June 2015 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

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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 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 on these questions 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

The 'just war': dharam yudh

It might be of value to outline the Sikh concept in some detail because not only are Sikhs often depicted by the western media as willing to resort to violence almost without provocation, but it has to be admitted that this has been the conduct of a minority of Sikhs who engaged in what might be described as religious cleansing operations in Punjab during the 1980s when groups of Hindus were massacred, not always in retaliation to attacks on Sikhs in Delhi or Bombay. Guru Gobind Singh provided the setting: 'I have no other ambition but to wage righteous war' (dharam yudh), the emphasis being on righteousness rather than an eagerness for warfare. There should be five conditions:

- (1) It should be a last resort when all other means have failed.
- (2) It should be waged without enmity or the desire for revenge. Perhaps he had the detachment enjoined by Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita in mind.
- (3) Territory should not be annexed. Property captured should be returned at the ending of hostilities. Looting and the taking of booty are forbidden.
- (4) The army should be made up of soldiers committed to the cause, not mercenaries. It should be disciplined. The Rahit Namas of the Guru, codes of conduct, said the soldiers 'should not smoke or drink or molest the women folk of their adversaries' (often considered to be spoils of war at this time).
- (5) The minimum of force should be used to achieve the objective. When it has been achieved hostilities should cease.

(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)

Start your answer on Page 3.



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