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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 4

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Themes in the Early Church and  
the Church Today



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**TUESDAY 11 JUNE, MORNING**

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## TIME

2 hours.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **two** questions from Section A and the compulsory question in Section B.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

## ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each part question in allocating the available examination time.

## Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) "The Canon of Scripture was vital to the survival of the Church."  
Present a case for this statement. [20]
- (b) To what extent was Irenaeus' polemic essential in defeating heresy? [30]
- 2 (a) Analyse the content of Tertullian's Apology. [20]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Tertullian's association with Montanism made his moral writings harsh and therefore unappealing for today. [30]
- 3 (a) Outline the impact of secularisation on religion. [20]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the authority of religious leaders continues to be vital to the religious and moral beliefs of society. [30]

## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Faith, Morality and the State

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) “The relationship between religion and the state has always been a problem.”

With reference to **one** example, examine this statement. You must support your answer with reference to at least one other unit of study. [20]

- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that in a modern society with many different religious faiths or none, separation of religion and state is the only option. You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30]

