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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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**[ARE41]**

**MONDAY 20 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) Outline Gnostic teaching on salvation. [20]
- (b) To what extent is it true to say that church government developed only because of the threat of heresy? [30]
- 2 (a) Examine **one** of the main themes in Tertullian's doctrinal writings. [20]
- (b) Critically assess the view that, as in the Early Church, there is still a need for religious writers to engage in apologetics. [30]
- 3 (a) Compare and contrast any **two** forms of religious leadership in the church today. [20]
- (b) "The collapse of religious faith is the main reason why religious leaders today have limited authority."  
Critically evaluate this claim. [30]

## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

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

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) “Religious faith has made a contribution to the resolution of conflict in society.”

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

- (b) Consider critically the claim that the moral teaching of religion cannot survive in the twenty-first century. You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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