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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 4

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The Origins and Development
of the Early Christian Church
to AD 325



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TUESDAY 31 MAY, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

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Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

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

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Summarise the similarities in the conduct of the Neronian and Domitian persecutions. [25]
- (b) "Persecution was a serious problem for the Early Church despite the attractiveness of the glory of martyrdom."
Assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) "Constantine's religious policy had both negative and positive consequences for the Early Church."
Discuss this statement. [25]
- (b) Comment on the view that Constantine's conversion was driven mainly by his imperial ambitions. Justify your answer. [25]



Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 (a) Discuss the main ideas in the theological arguments of Justin Martyr in his defence of Christianity. [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the view that writers who defend religious faith have often a limited impact on society. Justify your answer. [25]

4 (a) Explain the respective contributions of Hippolytus and Tertullian to the development of the doctrine of the Eucharist. [25]

(b) "Acts of initiation today are of little value in the life of the religious believer."

With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate this statement. Justify your answer. [25]

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