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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 19 JUNE, AFTERNOON

Time

2 hours, plus your additional time allowance.

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 at the end of each question 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) Analyse the main features of Marcion's Canon of Scripture. [20 marks]

(b) "The only reason for preserving the present Canon of Scripture is reverence for its great age."

Critically evaluate this view. [30 marks]

2 (a) Outline the main ideas contained in Cyprian's "On the Unity of the Catholic Church". [20 marks]

(b) Critically assess the claim that the writings of Tertullian were important for his time and continue to be so today. [30 marks]

3 (a) Present a case for the view that organised religion is of value in modern society. [20 marks]

(b) “The threat of heresy had many positive effects on the organisation and development of the Early Church.”

Critically assess this claim. [30 marks]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Faith, Morality and the State

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) “History shows that religion and the state should remain separate from each other.”

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 marks]

- (b) Critically evaluate the view that faith-based ethics provide the only foundation for society’s laws. You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30 marks]

This is the end of the question paper
