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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**

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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)** Analyse the main features of Marcion's Canon of Scripture. [20]
- (b)** "The only reason for preserving the present Canon of Scripture is reverence for its great age."  
Critically evaluate this view. [30]
- 2 (a)** Outline the main ideas contained in Cyprian's "On the Unity of the Catholic Church". [20]
- (b)** Critically assess the claim that the writings of Tertullian were important for his time and continue to be so today. [30]
- 3 (a)** Present a case for the view that organised religion is of value in modern society. [20]
- (b)** "The threat of heresy had many positive effects on the organisation and development of the Early Church."  
Critically assess this claim. [30]

## 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]

- (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]

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

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