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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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**THURSDAY 25 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.

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

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

## ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

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) Describe the political factors that influenced the growth of the Early Church in the first two centuries. [25]
- (b) “Christian behaviour contributed more than Christian belief to the spread of the faith.”
- Assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) Explain Ignatius of Antioch’s attitude to martyrdom as shown in his Letters. [25]
- (b) Comment on the view that Roman persecution of Christians in the first three centuries was consistent. Justify your answer. [25]



## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 (a) Discuss the reasons why Constantine converted to Christianity. [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the view that a conversion experience is essential for true religious faith. Justify your answer. [25]

4 (a) In what ways did the practice and doctrine of baptism as understood by Cyprian differ from the New Testament? [25]

(b) "The Eucharist continues to cause disagreement among Christians."

With reference to other aspects of human experience, consider how far this statement is true. Justify your answer. [25]

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