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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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**MONDAY 17 JUNE, AFTERNOON**

### TIME

2 hours.

### 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 **two** questions from Section A and the compulsory question in Section B.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

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.

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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 **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) With particular reference to Irenaeus, explain the development of church government in the Early Church. [20]
- (b) “Defeating heresy is neither possible nor helpful in any age.”  
Critically evaluate this claim. [30]
- 2 (a) Outline the main themes in the moral writings of Tertullian. [20]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Cyprian had greater appeal than Tertullian in the Early Church. [30]
- 3 (a) Clarify the contribution of **either** C.S. Lewis **or** Karl Rahner to Christian thought. [20]
- (b) “While the impact of secularisation is challenging for religious thinking, it is also positive.”  
How far do you agree with this claim? [30]



## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

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

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) "Religion and the state can have very different positions on ethical issues."

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) "A close relationship between religion and the state is in everybody's interests."

With reference to other aspects of human experience, critically evaluate  
this view.

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