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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 28 MAY, MORNING

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

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The total mark for this paper is 100.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Examine the reasons for the persecutions against the Christian Church with particular reference to the reign of Marcus Aurelius. [25]
- (b) "Persecution both harmed and helped the Early Church."
Assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) Discuss the development of the doctrine and practice of the Eucharist with particular reference to Justin Martyr and Cyprian. [25]
- (b) Evaluate the view that the Eucharist was central to life in the Early Church. Justify your answer. [25]



Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a)** “The aim of Constantine’s religious policies was the triumph of Christianity and the union of Church and state.”

Give an account of the evidence to support this statement. [25]

- (b)** “Pastoral work should take priority for religious leaders.”

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

- 4 (a)** “The central theme of the writings of Ignatius is unity.”

With reference to this statement, summarise Ignatius’ views on the role of the bishop and the threat of heresy. [25]

- (b)** “The witness of religious martyrs both challenges and inspires believers and others.”

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

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