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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit AS 4
assessing

The Christian Church in the
Roman Empire: Beginnings, Expansion
and External Pressure

[AR141]

FRIDAY 23 JANUARY, AFTERNOON



TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.
Quality of written communication will be assessed in all questions.
Figures in brackets 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 question or part question.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Give an account of the career of Constantine and the impact he made on the Early Christian Church. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that the reasons for Constantine's conversion were political rather than religious. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Describe the development of Church government in the Early Church. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the power of the Bishop of Rome rose steadily during the period studied. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of the life and teaching of Justin Martyr. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that the issues which Justin identified have always challenged religious believers. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the main causes of persecution in the Early Church. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that persecution has continued to be a major issue for religious believers. Justify your answer. [15]

