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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit A2 4
assessing

The Continued Development of the
Christian Church in the Roman Empire
to 325 AD

[AR241]



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TUESDAY 24 MAY, MORNING

TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Candidate Number and Centre Number on the answer booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer 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 question or part question.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section.

- 1 (a) With reference to relevant sources, examine the ways in which the doctrine and practice of the Eucharist developed during the first three centuries. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that participation in the Eucharist was the most important aspect of the faith of the early Christians. [20]
- 2 (a) Explain the origins and main beliefs of Montanism. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the Early Church was wrong to reject Montanism as a heresy. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline and explain the reasons for the emergence and development of Creeds and Rules of Faith in the Early Church. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that Creeds still reflect the core values and beliefs of the Christian Church. [20]
- 4 (a) Explain and consider the apologetic and antiheretical writings of Tertullian. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that Tertullian's moral writings were only relevant for the time in which they were written. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Suffering

You **must** answer this question.

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, outline and examine some key ideas in relation to the problem of suffering. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that suffering is always the result of human selfishness. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

