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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 4

assessing

The Origins and Development of the
Early Christian Church to AD325



SRE41

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THURSDAY 25 MAY, MORNING

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 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 part question in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) "Various factors were responsible for the rapid growth of the Church in the first three centuries."
Explain the truth of this statement. [25]
- (b) Comment on the claim that Christianity did not attract converts from every level of society. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the development of the practice and doctrine of the Eucharist, with particular reference to Hippolytus and Cyprian. [25]
- (b) Consider how far it is true to say that the Eucharist was the most important part of Christian worship. Justify your answer. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Discuss the main themes in the writings of Ignatius of Antioch. [25]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess the claim that martyrdom is no longer an issue for the religious believer. Justify your answer. [25]
- 4 (a) Discuss the accounts of Constantine's conversion with particular reference to the influence of earlier events in his life. [25]
- (b) "Religious conversion is always a dramatic event in the life of the religious believer."
Evaluate the truth of this statement with particular reference to other aspects of human experience. Justify your answer. [25]

