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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]

FRIDAY 23 MAY, AFTERNOON



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TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate 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 in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) With reference to relevant sources, analyse the ways in which the doctrine and practice of baptism developed in the first three centuries. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the early Church placed too much emphasis on the observance of the sacraments. [20]
- 2 (a) Analyse and discuss the emergence and main characteristics of Montanism. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that the Church over-reacted to the threat of Montanism. [20]
- 3 (a) Outline and explain the development of the Canon of Scripture in the first three centuries. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that a fixed Canon of Scripture is no longer essential in the Church. [20]
- 4 (a) Examine the contribution of Tertullian to the major theological and practical issues which concerned the early Christian Church. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that these issues have little relevance for the Church today. [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 can never be satisfactorily explained. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

