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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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THURSDAY 22 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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, examine the development of worship in the Early Church with particular attention to the practice and doctrine of Baptism. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the pattern of early Christian worship no longer meets the needs of religious believers in the twenty-first century. [20]
- 2 (a) Explain the origins and main teachings of the Montanist heresy. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Montanism was not a serious threat to the survival of the Early Church. [20]
- 3 (a) Discuss the main beliefs in the Creeds and Rules of Faith of the Early Church. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the existence of Creeds preserved the faith of the Christian Church. [20]
- 4 (a) Examine the theological teaching of Tertullian with particular reference to sin and repentance. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that such writings as these are of little benefit to 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 religion adequately explains suffering. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
