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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 4

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



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**[AR241]**

**MONDAY 11 JUNE, MORNING**

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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 particular reference to relevant sources, explain how the doctrine and practice of the Eucharist changed and developed over the first three centuries. [30]  
  
(b) Critically assess the view that too much emphasis was placed on the Eucharist by the Early Church. [20]
  
- 2 (a) Outline and explain the main characteristics and beliefs of Marcionism. [30]  
  
(b) Critically evaluate the claim that heresy did not end in the first three centuries, but is still a feature of the Church today. [20]
  
- 3 (a) Analyse how the writings of Origen contributed to the development of Christian theology. [30]  
  
(b) Critically assess the claim that Origen's writings were of more relevance for their time than today. [20]
  
- 4 (a) Analyse the importance of the discussions that came up at the Council of Nicaea. [30]  
  
(b) Critically evaluate the view that the Council of Nicaea had a successful outcome. [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 important issues which emerge from the problem of suffering. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that religious believers can bring suffering on themselves. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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