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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 4

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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]

