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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 4
assessing
The Origins and Development of the
Early Christian Church to AD325



SRE41

[SRE41]
WEDNESDAY 23 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) With specific reference to his writings, discuss how Justin Martyr challenged Jewish and pagan beliefs about Christianity. [25]

- (b) Comment on the claim that it is impossible to understand Justin's writings without a knowledge of Greek philosophy. Justify your answer. [25]

- 2 (a) Examine the ways in which the religious policy of the Emperor Constantine affected the development of the Christian Church. [25]

- (b) "Christianity had become so strong that it would have triumphed, even without the support of Constantine." Assess this view. Justify your answer. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 (a) "The Roman attitude to Christianity was far from clear."

With reference to this quotation, discuss the content of Pliny's letter to Trajan and Trajan's reply.

[25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the view that in a secular age religious persecution is often exaggerated. Justify your answer.

[25]

4 (a) Discuss the development and practice of baptism in the first three centuries with particular reference to the Didache and Hippolytus.

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(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that religious writers have made an important contribution to the defence of the faith. Justify your answer.

[25]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
