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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 4
assessing
The Origins and Development of the
Early Christian Church to AD 325



SRE41

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WEDNESDAY 22 MAY, AFTERNOON

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) How was the persecution under the Emperor Diocletian different from other persecutions? [25]

(b) “It was inevitable that the Diocletian persecution would fail.”

Assess this view. Justify your answer.

[25]

2 (a) “There were aspects of Constantine’s early life and rise to power which made him sympathetic to Christianity.”

Examine this statement.

[25]

(b) Explore the view that the reasons for Constantine’s conversion were political rather than religious. Justify your answer.

[25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 (a) Discuss the development of the doctrine and practice of the Eucharist with particular reference to the New Testament and the Didache. [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess the claim that for Christians the Eucharist is no longer the most important aspect of faith. Justify your answer. [25]

4 (a) “Justin was hostile to Judaism.”
In what ways can this remark be seen in Justin’s Dialogue with Trypho? [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the claim that theological issues continue to be a challenge for religious leaders. Justify your answer. [25]

