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General Certificate of Education

Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 4

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Themes in the Early Church and
the Church Today



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Assessment

TIME

2 hours.

Assessment Level of Control:

Tick the relevant box (✓)

Controlled Conditions	
Other	

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions from Section A and 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 part question in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1** (a) Outline the contribution of the Apostolic Fathers to the development of church government. [20]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the role of the Bishop of Rome still provokes disagreement. [30]
- 2** (a) Present a case for the suggestion that Cyprian's views on the lapsed were controversial. [20]
- (b) "The writings of Cyprian are no longer relevant to Christians in the 21st century."
Critically evaluate this statement. [30]
- 3** (a) For what reasons can Alister McGrath be considered a Christian apologist? [20]
- (b) "Without heresy, religious thinking would never have developed in the Early Church."
Critically assess this claim. [30]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Faith, Morality and the State

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) "Religious faith has always provided a sound basis for morality."

With reference to **one** historical example, discuss this statement. You must support your answer with reference to at least one other unit of study. [20]

- (b) To what extent could it be said that religious faith continues to be a major cause of conflict? You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30]

