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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 4

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The Origins and Development
of the Early Christian Church
to AD 325



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Assessment

Assessment Level of Control:

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TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

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Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Discuss the reasons for Pliny's Letter to Trajan and Trajan's reply. [25]
- (b) "The courage of martyrs such as Polycarp and Blandina was the most important factor in attracting pagans to the Christian faith."
- Assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) Explain the development of the belief and practice of baptism, with particular reference to the New Testament and Justin Martyr. [25]
- (b) Evaluate the view that the Early Church lacked a consistent understanding about who should be baptised and the role of the Holy Spirit in baptism. Justify your answer. [25]



Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Examine the themes of heresy and the role of the bishop in the writings of Ignatius of Antioch. [25]

- (b) "In a largely secular world, religious persecution is not an issue."

With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate this view. Justify your answer. [25]

- 4 (a) In what ways are Eusebius and Lactantius' accounts of the conversion of Constantine similar and different from one another? [25]

- (b) "Religious believers should not be allowed to influence the laws of the state."

With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]





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