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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 4

assessing

The Continued Development of the
Christian Church in the Roman Empire
to 325 AD



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MONDAY 11 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) With particular reference to relevant sources, explain how the doctrine and practice of the Eucharist changed and developed over the first three centuries. [30]

(b) Critically assess the view that too much emphasis was placed on the Eucharist by the Early Church. [20]

- 2 (a) Outline and explain the main characteristics and beliefs of Marcionism. [30]

(b) Critically evaluate the claim that heresy did not end in the first three centuries, but is still a feature of the Church today. [20]

- 3 (a) Analyse how the writings of Origen contributed to the development of Christian theology. [30]

(b) Critically assess the claim that Origen's writings were of more relevance for their time than today. [20]

- 4 (a) Analyse the importance of the discussions that came up at the Council of Nicaea. [30]

(b) Critically evaluate the view that the Council of Nicaea had a successful outcome. [20]

Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Suffering

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, outline and examine some important issues which emerge from the problem of suffering. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that religious believers can bring suffering on themselves. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

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