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## Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 4

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Module 4: The Development of the  
Christian Church in the  
Roman Empire to AD 325

[A2R41]

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY, AFTERNOON

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### TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **two** questions.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 90.  
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.

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- 1 (a) Discuss the origins and characteristics of Montanism. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the Early Church was wrong to reject Montanism. [15]
- 2 (a) Discuss the origins and development of the Great Persecution beginning with the Emperor Diocletian. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that this persecution had little chance of success. [15]
- 3 (a) Discuss the main concerns in the writings of any major Church Father that you have studied. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the writings of the Early Church Fathers still have relevance for today. [15]
- 4 (a) With reference to the sources you have studied, discuss the Early Church's teaching on sin and repentance. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view, that unlike the Early Church, the Church today has lost the ability to discipline its members. [15]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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