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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit AS 4

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The Christian Church in the
Roman Empire: Beginnings, Expansion
and External Pressure

[AR141]

TUESDAY 16 JUNE, MORNING



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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 **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 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.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Give an account of the life and writings of Ignatius of Antioch. [35]
- (b) To what extent do the writings of Ignatius and other Apostolic Fathers give a clear picture of the problems faced by the Early Church? Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the main political, social and economic factors which helped Christianity to spread rapidly in the first three centuries. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that Christians, at that time, found it impossible to play a full part in Roman society. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Describe the conversion and religious policy of the Emperor Constantine. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that relationships between Church and State have always been problematic. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the significance of the persecutions which took place during the reigns of the Emperors Decius and Valerian. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that the causes of religious persecution have not changed. Justify your answer. [15]

