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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 4

assessing

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

[AR141]



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THURSDAY 17 JUNE, MORNING

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 in allocating the
available examination time.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A.

- 1 (a) Explain the development of Church Government in the first three centuries. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that without strong leadership, the Early Church would not have survived. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the conversion of the Emperor Constantine and the ways in which this event impacted on the Christian Church. [35]
- (b) To what extent did Constantine's religious policy do more harm than good? Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B.

- 3 (a) Describe the nature and course of persecution during the first two centuries. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that persecution hinders the growth of religious faith. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the content and main characteristics of the writings of Justin Martyr. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that there is always a need for religious writers who defend the faith. Justify your answer. [15]

