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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

[AR241]

THURSDAY 24 MAY, 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 reference to relevant sources, examine the general features and development of worship in the Early Church. [30]

(b) Critically assess the view that the pattern of early Christian worship no longer serves the needs of today's Church. [20]
- 2 (a) Outline and explain the main characteristics and teachings of Marcionism. [30]

(b) Critically evaluate the view that Irenaeus' polemic against heresy played a major part in its defeat. [20]
- 3 (a) Analyse and discuss the nature of the writings of Origen. [30]

(b) Critically assess the claim that the writings of Origen cannot be appreciated by the modern reader. [20]
- 4 (a) Outline and consider the part played by Constantine at the Council of Nicaea. [30]

(b) Critically evaluate the claim that the Council of Nicaea was successful in its defeat of Arianism. [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 major issues emerging from the problem of suffering. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that suffering is necessary to strengthen the faith of the religious believer. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

