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## Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 4

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Module 4:  
The Early Christian Church

[ASR41]



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 **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) Outline your knowledge and understanding of the doctrine and practice of Baptism in the Early Church. [30]
- (b) Explore the view that Baptism was the most important event in the life of the early Christian. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Summarise your knowledge and understanding of the reasons for the persecution of Christians in the first two centuries. [30]
- (b) Comment on the claim that persecution was by far the most important factor in the spread of Christianity. Justify your answer. [15]
- 3 (a) Outline your knowledge and understanding of the main themes in the writings of Justin Martyr. [30]
- (b) Explore the view that Justin's writings could only be understood by educated readers of his time. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Summarise your knowledge and understanding of the development of early Christian Creeds. [30]
- (b) Comment on the claim that these Creeds made a good attempt to explain the faith of the Early Church. Justify your answer. [15]

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

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