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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 20 JANUARY, AFTERNOON



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) With reference to specific sources, discuss the development of the role of deacon, presbyter and bishop in the Early Church. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that within a short time the Church lost its charismatic character. [15]
- 2 (a) Discuss Constantine's conversion and his motives for adopting Christianity as the state religion. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that Constantine's conversion marks a turning point in Church–state relations. [15]
- 3 (a) Discuss in detail the life and writings of Cyprian. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that Cyprian's contribution to the Early Church is still relevant. [15]
- 4 (a) Discuss the persecution which occurred during the reign of Emperor Decius. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that faith may be strengthened by persecution. [15]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
