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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 4

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The Continued Development of the
Christian Church in the Roman Empire
to 325 AD

[AR241]

MONDAY 7 JUNE, MORNING



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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.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) With reference to relevant sources, analyse the development of the doctrine and practice of baptism in the Early Church. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the Early Church placed too much emphasis on the importance of baptism. [20]
- 2 (a) Outline and explain the emergence and main teachings of Gnosticism. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that it is not always easy for the Church to identify false teaching. [20]
- 3 (a) Explain and consider the contribution which Origen made to the development of the Early Church. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Origen's writings are still relevant for the Christian Church. [20]
- 4 (a) Identify and consider the causes and course of the Council of Nicea. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the decisions of the Council preserved the unity of the Christian Church. [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 the contribution of some key people to the problem of suffering. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that religious belief always involves suffering. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

