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**Section A**

Answer **one** question from Section A

1(a) “Various factors were responsible for the rapid growth of the Church in the first three centuries.”

 Explain the truth of this statement. (25)

 (b) Comment on the claim that Christianity did not attract converts from every level of society. Justify your answer. (25)

2(a) Give an account of the development of the practice and doctrine of the Eucharist, with particular reference to Hippolytus and Cyprian. (25)

 (b) Consider how far it is true to say that the Eucharist was the most important part of Christian worship. Justify your answer. (25

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from Section B

3(a) Discuss the main themes in the writings of Ignatius of Antioch (25)

 (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess the claim that martyrdom is no longer an issue for the religious believer. Justify your answer. (25)

4(a) Discuss the accounts of Constantine’s conversion with particular reference to the influence of earlier events in his life. (25)

 (b) Evaluate the truth of the statement with particular reference to other aspects of human experience. Justify your answer. (25)