**Specimen Paper 2016**

**Section A**

Answer **one** question from Section A.

1 (a) With reference to his writings, explain the main themes in the work of Justin Martyr. [25]

 (b) Explore the claim that the writings of Justin were too complex for his readers.

 Justify your answer. [25]

2 (a) Discuss the origins and key features of Christian Baptism in the first three centuries. [25]

(b) Assess the claim that Baptism and the Eucharist were equally important in the Early Church.

 Justify your answer. [25]

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from Section B.

3 (a) Explain the main reasons for the persecution of Christians in the first two centuries and its impact on

 the Church. [25]

 (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, discuss the view that persecution is inevitable

 for believers. Justify your answer. [25]

4 (a) Describe and discuss the significance of the religious policy of Constantine. [25]

(b) With reference to other areas of human experience, explore the claim that churches should never

attempt to influence political decision making. Justify your answer. [25]