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## Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 5

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A study of the development and impact  
of the Celtic Church in the  
5th, 6th and 7th centuries

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TUESDAY 19 MAY, MORNING

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### TIME

2 hours, plus your additional time allowance.

### 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 at the end of each question 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 in allocating the available examination time.

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**(Questions start overleaf)**

## Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) With particular reference to the available evidence, present the case for and discuss the Two Patricks theory. [30 marks]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that it would be a mistake to attribute the evangelisation of Ireland solely to Patrick. [20 marks]
  
- 2 (a) Outline and examine the nature and importance of monastic spirituality in the Celtic Church. [30 marks]
- (b) “The Celtic Church was conservative and yet open to change.”  
  
Critically assess this claim. [20 marks]
  
- 3 (a) Explain and consider the spiritual significance of **either** Cogitosus’ **Life of Brigit** or Muirchú’s **Life of Patrick**. [30 marks]
- (b) Critically assess the view that such writings are merely of hagiographical interest. [20 marks]

4 (a) Explain and consider how Gall, Killian and the Burgh Castle group continued the missionary work of Columbanus on the continent. [30 marks]

(b) “Missionary activity is often viewed in a negative light and is no longer necessary for the survival of the Church.”

Critically evaluate this view. [20 marks]

## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Holiness

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a)** With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, outline and examine some ideas on the nature of holiness. [30 marks]
- (b)** Critically assess the view that a life of holiness is still both important and necessary for human beings. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20 marks]

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

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