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General Certificate of Education
2015

Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 5

assessing

The Origins of the Celtic Church in
Ireland and the beginnings of its
missionary outreach

MV18

[AR151]

TUESDAY 16 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

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.

Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Give an account of the reliability and significance of the references to Palladius in the early sources. [35 marks]

- (b) Explore the suggestion that the mission of Palladius to the Irish was a failure. Justify your answer. [15 marks]

- 2 (a) Explain Colmcille's (Columba's) motives for leaving Ireland and consider his importance as a missionary. [35 marks]

- (b) Comment on the view that the Celtic peregrini contributed significantly to the development of the Church in Britain. Justify your answer. [15 marks]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a)** Explain what the **Letter to Coroticus** tells us about its author. [35 marks]
- (b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that respect for human dignity is unachievable in practice. Justify your answer. [15 marks]

- 4 (a)** “The Celtic monasteries were particularly distinctive in their role, religious outlook and practices.”

With reference to this statement, explain the distinctive features of Celtic monasticism. [35 marks]

- (b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that self-denial and asceticism have no place in spiritual and moral development. Justify your answer. [15 marks]

