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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

[AR251]

TUESDAY 24 MAY, MORNING



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TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Candidate Number and Centre 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) Outline and examine the issues surrounding the Two Patricks' controversy. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that this theory is only of academic interest. [20]
- 2 "What is known about the structure and organisation of the Celtic Church is unclear since the information from the monastic communities and the Patrician writings varies so much."
- (a) Analyse and discuss this statement. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that change in religious organisation and practice is not always in the best interests of the Church. [20]
- 3 (a) Present a case for and discuss why Columbanus should be accepted as the greatest missionary of the Celtic Church. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that the monastic discipline of Columbanus is irrelevant today. [20]
- 4 (a) Outline and explain the issues and the conclusion reached over the dating of Easter at the Synod of Whitby. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the differences between Celtic and Roman Christianity were of minimal importance. [20]

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 the major issues in relation to the idea of holiness. [30]
- (b)** Critically assess the claim that holy people have little sympathy for the weaknesses of human nature. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

