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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 5

assessing

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

[AR151]



WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Candidate Number and Centre 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 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.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) With reference to relevant historical sources, give an account of the evidence for the presence of Christianity in Ireland before the arrival of Patrick. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that by the time of Patrick, Ireland was ready for conversion. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the role, nature and distinctive features of Celtic monasticism as it developed in Ireland. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that monasteries had little impact on the everyday life of the Irish people. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain the achievements of Patrick's mission to the Irish. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the extent to which the issues that were faced by Patrick are relevant for any age. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the importance of the peregrini to the development of the Church in Britain. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that the motives behind missionary outreach should be viewed with suspicion. Justify your answer. [15]

