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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit A2 5

assessing

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

[AR251]

THURSDAY 24 MAY, MORNING



TIME

2 hours.

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 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 in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Identify and consider the difficulties in determining the geography associated with the historical Patrick. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that an exploration of the life of Patrick has no relevance to the faith of the religious believer. [20]
- 2 (a) Explain and consider the nature and practices of monastic spirituality and its impact on the Celtic Church. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the Celtic Church can be correctly defined as an episcopal Church. [20]
- 3 (a) Analyse and discuss the content and purpose of Adomnán's **Life of Colmcille**. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the value and importance of hagiographical writings. [20]
- 4 (a) Outline and examine the careers and contribution of the peregrini to Christianity on mainland Europe. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the desire for penance was the main motive for the missionary outreach of the Celtic Church. [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 importance of religious practice in striving for holiness. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the concept of holiness is always relevant. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

