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## Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 5

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

[AR151]



THURSDAY 14 JUNE, MORNING

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### TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

### 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 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.

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## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Give an account of the social and political structures which existed in Ireland before the arrival of Patrick. [35]
- (b) To what extent did Patrick's early life, including his captivity in Ireland shape his faith? Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain how Colmcille (Columba) used his political skills to further his missionary work. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that missionary outreach was a central element of Celtic Christianity. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of the main themes in Patrick's *Confessio* and their importance. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that the value of such writings is questionable. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain how monasticism contributed to the Celtic Church. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that self-denial and asceticism are unnecessary for religious practice. Justify your answer. [15]

