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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]



MONDAY 17 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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#### 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 in allocating the available examination time.

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## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Explain the importance of the pre-Patrician religious environment for Patrick's mission to the Irish. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that the history of the arrival of Christianity in Ireland is shrouded in mystery. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the contributions of Enda, Finnian of Clonard and Ciaran of Clonmacnois to the development of monasticism in Ireland. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that Celtic spirituality was too ascetic in its emphasis. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain how Patrick's mission to the Irish was influenced by his lack of education and his experience of slavery. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that Patrick's mission to the Irish has little relevance for people today. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the importance of the missionary career of Colmcille (Columba) for the development of the Celtic Church. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that the involvement of religious leaders in politics is not desirable. Justify your answer. [15]

