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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]

FRIDAY 23 MAY, AFTERNOON

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**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) Outline and examine the issues involved in the dating of Patrick's arrival in Ireland as a missionary. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that all attempts to discover the historical Patrick have failed. [20]
- 2 (a) Outline the nature of episcopacy in the Celtic Church and examine the reasons for the change from an episcopal to a monastic organisation. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that issues surrounding religious authority are always controversial. [20]
- 3 (a) "Columbanus was a defender of faith, morals and church unity."  
Present a case for and discuss this statement. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that missionary outreach is now more necessary at home than abroad. [20]
- 4 (a) Examine the reasons for, and discuss the nature of, the differences that emerged at the Synod of Whitby. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the outcome of Whitby was a disaster for 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 contribution of some key figures to an understanding of the theme of holiness. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that holiness is a virtue that is not always rewarded. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

