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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



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TUESDAY 21 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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) In relation to Patrick's mission to the Irish, explain the challenges he faced and how he responded. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that Patrick's mission to the Irish was largely successful because of his early experience in Ireland. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the origins and development of Irish monasticism with particular reference to the influence and importance of Candida Casa and Wales. [35]
- (b) "The Irish monasteries were founded by deeply spiritual individuals."
Comment on this claim. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain the value of the Penitentials as historical sources for an understanding of the Celtic Church and society. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that the Penitential writings are no longer relevant for religious believers. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the importance and significance of the Celtic peregrini to the development of Christianity in Britain with particular reference to the role played by Aidan. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that missionary outreach has the potential to do more harm than good. Justify your answer. [15]

