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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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THURSDAY 25 MAY, MORNING

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) “The religious beliefs and practices in Ireland before the arrival of Patrick greatly influenced the nature of the Christianity that emerged.”
- With reference to examples, explain the truth of this statement. [35]
- (b) Explore the claim that there is little historical evidence for the arrival of Christianity into Ireland prior to Patrick. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the contribution of monasticism to the development of Church and society in Celtic Ireland. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the influence of monasticism in Ireland was entirely negative. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of the main themes in Patrick’s **Letter to Coroticus** and his **Confessio**. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that religious faith is essential in the modern world. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) “Colmcille (Columba) can only be understood as both a politician and a missionary.”
- With reference to this statement, explain the importance of Colmcille. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that religious leadership is neither relevant nor important. Justify your answer. [15]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
