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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 5

assessing

A study of the development and impact
of the Celtic Church in the
5th, 6th and 7th centuries



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THURSDAY 22 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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) Examine the issues surrounding the Patrician authorship of **The First Synod of Patrick**. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that **The First Synod of Patrick** and **The Three Sayings of Patrick (Dicta Patricii)** have little relevance for the modern reader. [20]
- 2 (a) With reference to particular examples, analyse and discuss the distinctive characteristics of the Celtic Church. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that life and practice in the Celtic Church was overly ascetic and therefore, negative in character. [20]
- 3 (a) "Columbanus was Ireland's first European."
Present a case for and discuss this view. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that Columbanus is still an inspiration and role model for the modern day Christian. [20]
- 4 (a) Identify and discuss the arguments of both parties at the Synod of Whitby. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the claim that the Synod of Whitby had a positive impact on 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 people to the nature and importance of holiness. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that suffering is necessary for growth in holiness. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
