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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 5
assessing
The Celtic Church in Ireland
in the 5th, 6th and 7th Centuries



SRE51

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WEDNESDAY 23 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 part question in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

1 (a) “Britain’s influence was central to the origins of Irish monasticism.”

With reference to this statement, discuss the origins of monasticism in Ireland. [25]

(b) Assess the claim that the importance of the monasteries in the Celtic Church and society has been greatly exaggerated. Justify your answer. [25]

2 (a) Examine the features of the Celtic Penitentials with particular reference to the **Penitentials of Finnian and Columbanus**. [25]

(b) Comment on the view that the Penitentials played a negative role in addressing the issue of sexual behaviour. Justify your answer. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 (a) Examine the themes of denunciation and repentance in Patrick's **Letter to Coroticus**. [25]

(b) "Faith and prayer are vital for people in times of trouble."

With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]

4 (a) In what ways does Cogitosus' **Life of Brigit** raise questions about the reliability of Celtic hagiography? [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the view that personal integrity is not critical for the religious life. Justify your answer. [25]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
