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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 22 MAY, 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 part question in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Discuss the portrait of Patrick that emerges from his **Confessio**. [25]

- (b) “Very little is known about the arrival of Christianity into Ireland before Patrick.”

With reference to the available evidence, evaluate this statement. Justify your answer. [25]

- 2 (a) “Muirchú’s **Life of Patrick** can only be understood in relation to the political and religious circumstances in which it was written.”

With reference to this statement, examine why Muirchú’s **Life of Patrick** may have been written. [25]

- (b) Comment on the view that hagiography is only of interest to the religious believer. Justify your answer. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3** (a) Examine the reasons for the change from episcopal to monastic organisation in the Celtic Church. [25]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the view that religious belief must always adapt itself to political and social developments. Justify your answer. [25]
- 4** (a) In what ways was Celtic penitential practice distinctive from the wider church at that time? [25]
- (b) "Total forgiveness is idealistic but not impossible."
- With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]

