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## **Religious Studies**

### **Assessment Unit A2 5**

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

**[AR251]**

**MONDAY 7 JUNE, MORNING**

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#### **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.

## Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Identify and consider the difficulties in dating the arrival of Patrick as a missionary to the Irish. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the historical Patrick is lost forever. [20]
- 2 (a) Outline and explain the distinctive characteristics of the Celtic Church. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the outstanding feature of Celtic Christianity was its concern for social justice. [20]
- 3 (a) With particular reference to Muirchu's "Life of Patrick", analyse the main features of hagiographical writing. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that hagiography has little historical value. [20]
- 4 (a) Examine and consider the issues involved in the claims of Armagh to primacy. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that questions over religious leadership will always be divisive. [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 an understanding of holiness. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that holiness makes a valuable contribution to the individual and the community. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

