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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

[AR151]

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY, 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) Examine the evidence in support of the claim that Christianity was in Ireland prior to Patrick's mission. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the pagan religion of Ireland hindered the spread of Christianity. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) With reference to relevant texts, explain the main features of penitential practice in the Celtic Church. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the teachings of the Celtic Penitentials were only of importance to the clergy. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain the significance of the themes of the Holy Spirit, prayer and thanksgiving in Patrick's **Confessio**. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that support for religious authority is an essential requirement of faith. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the contribution to the Church in Britain of Aidan, Blaán and Canice. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that action is more important than preaching in encouraging faith. Justify your answer. [15]

