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General Certificate of Education  
2015

## Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 5  
assessing

The Origins of the Celtic Church in  
Ireland and the beginnings of its  
missionary outreach

MV18

[AR151]

TUESDAY 16 JUNE, MORNING

### TIME

1 hour 20 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

### 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 at the end of each question 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 **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a)** Give an account of the reliability and significance of the references to Palladius in the early sources. [35 marks]
  
- (b)** Explore the suggestion that the mission of Palladius to the Irish was a failure. Justify your answer. [15 marks]
  
  
  
- 2 (a)** Explain Colmcille's (Columba's) motives for leaving Ireland and consider his importance as a missionary. [35 marks]
  
  
  
- (b)** Comment on the view that the Celtic peregrini contributed significantly to the development of the Church in Britain. Justify your answer. [15 marks]

## **Section B**

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a)** Explain what the **Letter to Coroticus** tells us about its author. [35 marks]
- (b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that respect for human dignity is unachievable in practice. Justify your answer. [15 marks]
- 4 (a)** “The Celtic monasteries were particularly distinctive in their role, religious outlook and practices.”
- With reference to this statement, explain the distinctive features of Celtic monasticism. [35 marks]
- (b)** With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that self-denial and asceticism have no place in spiritual and moral development. Justify your answer. [15 marks]

