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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



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TUESDAY 19 MAY, MORNING

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 in allocating the available examination time.

Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) With particular reference to the available evidence, present the case for and discuss the Two Patricks theory. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that it would be a mistake to attribute the evangelisation of Ireland solely to Patrick. [20]
- 2 (a) Outline and examine the nature and importance of monastic spirituality in the Celtic Church. [30]
- (b) “The Celtic Church was conservative and yet open to change.”
Critically assess this claim. [20]
- 3 (a) Explain and consider the spiritual significance of **either** Cogitosus’ **Life of Brigit** or Muirchú’s **Life of Patrick**. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that such writings are merely of hagiographical interest. [20]
- 4 (a) Explain and consider how Gall, Killian and the Burgh Castle group continued the missionary work of Columbanus on the continent. [30]
- (b) “Missionary activity is often viewed in a negative light and is no longer necessary for the survival of the Church.”
Critically evaluate this view. [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 some ideas on the nature of holiness. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that a life of holiness is still both important and necessary for human beings. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

