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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 5

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Module 5: The Celtic Church
and its Missionary Outreach in
the 5th, 6th and 7th Centuries

[A2R51]



WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 90.
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.

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- 1 (a) Discuss the difficulties in dating the arrival of Patrick, the missionary, in Ireland. [30]
- (b) Comment critically on the claim that the mission of Palladius and Patrick were equally successful. [15]
- 2 (a) Discuss the character and spirituality of the Celtic Church. [30]
- (b) Comment critically on the view that the change from episcopal to monastic organisation suited the needs of the Church of the period. [15]
- 3 (a) Examine the issues involved in the Paschal controversy. [30]
- (b) Comment critically on the view that the Synod of Whitby has little to teach Christians today. [15]
- 4 (a) With reference to **either** Adamnan's "Life of Columba" **or** Cogitosus's "Life of Brigid" examine what is known of the life of the saint you have chosen. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that such writings may contribute to the religious understanding of people today. [15]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
