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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]

WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Candidate Number and Centre 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 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.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) With special reference to the **Confessio**, give an account of the ministry of Patrick. [35]
- (b) To what extent do the writings of Patrick portray him as a self-confident and practical man? Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Describe the main features of the Celtic Penitentials with particular reference to the Penitentials of Columbanus and Cummean. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that the Celtic Penitentials are important historical sources for the period. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain the origins and role of Celtic monasticism. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that self-denial and asceticism have lost their value for religious believers. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Describe the work of the Irish peregrini in Britain with reference to Comgall, Blaán, Canice and Aidan. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that missionary outreach should be the main priority for the religious believer. Justify your answer. [15]

