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General Certificate of Education
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Religious Studies
Assessment Unit A2 5

assessing

A study of the development and impact
of the Celtic Church in the
5th, 6th and 7th centuries

[AR251]

FRIDAY 24 MAY, AFTERNOON

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TIME

2 hours, plus your additional time allowance.

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 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 **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Outline and examine the issues surrounding the authorship of **The First Synod of Patrick** and **The Three Sayings of Patrick (Dicta Patricii)**. [30]

(b) Critically assess the view that these texts are not essential for a knowledge and understanding of Patrick. [20]

- 2 “The purpose of hagiographical writings was to inspire and deepen the spirituality of the reader.”

(a) With particular reference to Cogitosus’ **Life of Brigit**, discuss this statement. [30]

(b) Critically evaluate the view that hagiographical writings have historical value. [20]

- 3 (a)** Discuss the importance of Columbanus in relation to monastic rules, penance and his attitude to religious authority. [30]
- (b)** Critically assess the view that Columbanus is a perfect role model for missionaries. [20]
- 4 (a)** Outline and consider the evidence for the claims made by Armagh to archiepiscopal authority. [30]
- (b)** Critically evaluate the claim that the centralisation of religious authority always results in conflict. [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 the major issues and questions arising from the concept of holiness. [30]
- (b)** Critically assess the view that holiness is regarded with suspicion by a secular world. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

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