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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 5

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



AR151

**[AR151]**

**TUESDAY 16 JUNE, MORNING**

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## TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

## 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 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.

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

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain what the *Letter to Coroticus* tells us about its author. [35]
- (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]
- 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]
- (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]

