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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



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**TUESDAY 21 JUNE, AFTERNOON**

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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) In relation to Patrick's mission to the Irish, explain the challenges he faced and how he responded. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that Patrick's mission to the Irish was largely successful because of his early experience in Ireland. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the origins and development of Irish monasticism with particular reference to the influence and importance of Candida Casa and Wales. [35]
- (b) "The Irish monasteries were founded by deeply spiritual individuals."  
Comment on this claim. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain the value of the Penitentials as historical sources for an understanding of the Celtic Church and society. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that the Penitential writings are no longer relevant for religious believers. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the importance and significance of the Celtic peregrini to the development of Christianity in Britain with particular reference to the role played by Aidan. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that missionary outreach has the potential to do more harm than good. Justify your answer. [15]

