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## Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 5

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Module 5: The Origin and  
Development of the Celtic Church

[ASR51]

FRIDAY 23 JANUARY, 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 **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) Outline your knowledge and understanding of the social and political background of Celtic Society before Patrick's arrival. [30]
- (b) Comment on the claim that Patrick's mission was made easier because Christianity already existed in Ireland. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Outline your knowledge and understanding of the different forms of Celtic religious art and architecture during the period studied. [30]
- (b) Explore the view that Celtic art was heavily based on pagan art and traditions. Justify your answer. [15]
- 3 (a) Outline your knowledge and understanding of the content of Muirchú's **Life of Patrick**. [30]
- (b) Comment on the claim that hagiographers give an exaggerated view of a saint. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Outline your knowledge and understanding of the life of **two** of the following: Brigid, Enda, Ciaran, Finnian of Clonard. [30]
- (b) Explore the view that the monastic lifestyle was the perfect way to glorify God. Justify your answer. [15]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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