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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]



FRIDAY 23 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** 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) Describe the evidence for the existence of Christianity in Ireland before the arrival of Patrick. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that it was Patrick's experience of slavery that laid the basis for his later work. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the missionary work of the Irish peregrini in Britain and its significance. [35]
- (b) To what extent were the Irish peregrini motivated solely by their desire to spread the Gospel? Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain the main themes of Patrick's Confession. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that faith in God involves struggle and challenge. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the nature of Celtic monastic life and practice. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that self denial is an essential part of religious life. Justify your answer. [15]

