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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]



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THURSDAY 17 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 religious beliefs and practices that existed in Ireland before the arrival of Patrick. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that Palladius made a valuable contribution to Pre-Patrician Christianity. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Give an account of the career of Columba (Columcille) and his significance as a missionary figure. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that the reasons for Columba's (Columcille's) departure from Ireland are unclear. Justify your answer. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B.

- 3 (a) Give an account of the purpose and content of Patrick's **Letter to Coroticus**. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that issues of religious authority challenge believers. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Explain the importance of the Penitentials and their impact on Celtic society. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that forgiveness and punishment cannot be separated. Justify your answer. [15]

