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**Religious Studies**  
Assessment Unit A2 5

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A study of the development and impact  
of the Celtic Church in the  
5th, 6th and 7th centuries

**[AR251]**

**THURSDAY 24 MAY, MORNING**

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**TIME**

2 hours.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer the compulsory question in Section B.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The total mark for this paper is 150.  
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.

## Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) Identify and consider the difficulties in determining the geography associated with the historical Patrick. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that an exploration of the life of Patrick has no relevance to the faith of the religious believer. [20]
- 2 (a) Explain and consider the nature and practices of monastic spirituality and its impact on the Celtic Church. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the Celtic Church can be correctly defined as an episcopal Church. [20]
- 3 (a) Analyse and discuss the content and purpose of Adomnán's **Life of Colmcille**. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the value and importance of hagiographical writings. [20]
- 4 (a) Outline and examine the careers and contribution of the peregrini to Christianity on mainland Europe. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the desire for penance was the main motive for the missionary outreach of the Celtic Church. [20]

## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Holiness

You **must** answer this question

- 5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, outline and examine the importance of religious practice in striving for holiness. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the concept of holiness is always relevant. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

