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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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THURSDAY 14 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 social and political structures which existed in Ireland before the arrival of Patrick. [35]

(b) To what extent did Patrick's early life, including his captivity in Ireland shape his faith? Justify your answer. [15]

2 **(a)** Explain how Colmcille (Columba) used his political skills to further his missionary work. [35]

(b) Explore the view that missionary outreach was a central element of Celtic Christianity. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 **(a)** Give an account of the main themes in Patrick's *Confessio* and their importance. [35]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that the value of such writings is questionable. Justify your answer. [15]

4 **(a)** Explain how monasticism contributed to the Celtic Church.

[35]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that self-denial and asceticism are unnecessary for religious practice. Justify your answer. [15]

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