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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]

FRIDAY 23 MAY, AFTERNOON



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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) Outline and examine the issues involved in the dating of Patrick's arrival in Ireland as a missionary. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that all attempts to discover the historical Patrick have failed. [20]
- 2 (a) Outline the nature of episcopacy in the Celtic Church and examine the reasons for the change from an episcopal to a monastic organisation. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that issues surrounding religious authority are always controversial. [20]
- 3 (a) "Columbanus was a defender of faith, morals and church unity."
Present a case for and discuss this statement. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that missionary outreach is now more necessary at home than abroad. [20]
- 4 (a) Examine the reasons for, and discuss the nature of, the differences that emerged at the Synod of Whitby. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the view that the outcome of Whitby was a disaster for 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 contribution of some key figures to an understanding of the theme of holiness. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that holiness is a virtue that is not always rewarded. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

