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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]



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THURSDAY 17 JANUARY, MORNING

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) Explain the content and purpose of Patrick's **Letter to Coroticus**. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that this letter reveals more about the personality of Patrick than the *Confessio*. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Explain the role and importance of the monasteries for both Church and society in Ireland. [35]
- (b) Explore the view that there was nothing particularly distinctive about Celtic monasticism. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Give an account of what can be learned about the Penitentials from Finnian, Columbanus and Cummean. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the view that penance and reconciliation are essential requirements for faith. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Give an account of the significance and importance of the work of the Irish peregrini in Britain. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that the work of the missionary is needed more than ever. Justify your answer. [15]

