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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 5

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The Celtic Church in Ireland
in the 5th, 6th and 7th Centuries



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TUESDAY 31 MAY, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

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Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Explain the contribution of **Enda** and **Finnian of Clonard** to the development of Irish monasticism. [25]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the appeal and popularity of monasticism in the Celtic Church is difficult to understand. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) "Hagiography provides historical information about the time in which it was written."
With reference to Cogitosus' **Life of Brigit**, give an account of the evidence to support this statement. [25]
- (b) Comment on the claim that all Celtic hagiographical works distort the image of the saint they were hoping to promote. Justify your answer. [25]



Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 (a) Examine the themes of thanksgiving and defence in Patrick's **Confessio**. [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the view that asceticism is an essential part of religious life. Justify your answer. [25]

4 (a) In what ways does the content of the **Penitential of Columbanus** illustrate new and original features of penitential practice in the Celtic Church? [25]

(b) "Forgiveness today is often seen as a sign of weakness."

With reference to other aspects of human experience, assess this claim. Justify your answer. [25]





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