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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 5

assessing

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



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THURSDAY 25 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) Discuss the purpose of Patrick's **Letter to Coroticus**. [25]
- (b) Comment on the claim that the main reason Patrick's mission was difficult was due to the presence of paganism in Celtic society. Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) Examine the features of Celtic penitential practice with particular reference to that of "anamchara". [25]
- (b) Explore the view that the influence of the Penitentials in Ireland was more positive than negative. Justify your answer. [25]



Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) “Irish monasteries were not confined to the religious and spiritual work of leading people to God.”

With reference to this statement, explain the role and contribution of monasteries in Celtic society. [25]

- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the view that religion continues to have a positive influence both socially and politically. Justify your answer. [25]

- 4 (a) With reference to Muirchú’s **Life of Patrick** and Cogitosus’ **Life of Brigit**, examine the main features of Celtic hagiography. [25]

- (b) “When compared with other writings, religious writings have a limited impact on the lives of individuals.”

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

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