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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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TUESDAY 28 MAY, MORNING

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) “Brigit and Comgall made significant contributions to the development of Celtic monasticism.”

Give an account of the evidence to support this statement. [25]

- (b) Comment on the claim that the main benefit of monasteries for wider Celtic society was as places of sanctuary. Justify your answer. [25]

- 2 (a) Explain how the references to Palladius demonstrate his significance in the Celtic Church. [25]

- (b) Consider how far the challenges in Patrick’s life influenced his mission and contributed to its success. Justify your answer. [25]



Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) With reference to relevant Celtic hagiographical writings, discuss their importance for the spiritual and devotional life of Celtic Christians. [25]

- (b) “The example shown in the lives of saints is always beyond the reach of religious believers.”

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

- 4 (a) Summarise the understanding of sin and forgiveness in the Celtic Church. [25]

- (b) “Forgiveness is the most important feature of religious faith.”

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





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