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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 5

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Themes in the Celtic Church,
Reformation and
Post-Reformation Church



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TUESDAY 10 JUNE, AFTERNOON

TIME

2 hours.

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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Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **two** questions from Section A and the compulsory question in Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

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Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

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You are advised to take account of the marks for each part question in allocating the available examination time.

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Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a)** In what ways did Armagh promote its claims to archiepiscopal authority? [20]
- (b)** “The achievements of the Celtic Church were all equally important.”
Critically evaluate this view. [30]
- 2 (a)** Outline the key contributions of **either** Aidan **or** Gall to the missionary outreach of the Celtic Church. [20]
- (b)** “The lesson of Colmcille for today is that politics and religion should not be mixed.”
To what extent do you agree with this view? [30]
- 3 (a)** Identify and consider the main reasons for the Protestant Reformation. [20]
- (b)** “Secularisation is the biggest threat facing religious believers today.”
Critically assess this claim. [30]



Section B

Synoptic Assessment

Theme: Faith, Morality and the State

You **must** answer this question

- 4 (a) With reference to **one** historical example, outline how religion can be affected by controversy.

You must support your answer with reference to at least **one** other unit of study. [20]

- (b) "History shows that religious faith and morality are inseparable and always should be."

How far do you agree with this claim?

You must refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [30]





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