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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit A2 5

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A study of the development and impact  
of the Celtic Church in the  
5th, 6th and 7th centuries



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**MONDAY 11 JUNE, MORNING**

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## TIME

2 hours.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **two** questions from Section A and answer the compulsory question in Section B.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 150.

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.

## Section A

Answer **two** questions from this section

- 1 (a) “There is no evidence to conclude that there were two Patricks.”
- With reference to this statement, discuss the evidence and arguments at the centre of this debate. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that the search for the historical Patrick is vital to the faith of a religious believer. [20]
- 2 (a) Explain the nature of episcopacy in the Celtic Church and consider the reasons for the change from an episcopal to a monastic structure. [30]
- (b) “Monasticism led to a significant development in Celtic spirituality.”
- Critically assess this claim. [20]
- 3 (a) Analyse and discuss the content of Muirchú’s **Life of Patrick**. [30]
- (b) Critically evaluate the claim that hagiographical writings have no historical value. [20]
- 4 (a) “Missionary activity was a significant feature of the Celtic Church.”
- Examine this statement with particular reference to the work of Gall, Killian and the Burgh Castle group. [30]
- (b) Critically assess the view that the love of adventure was the only motive for peregrinatio. [20]

## Section B

### Synoptic Assessment

#### Theme: Holiness

You **must** answer this question

5 (a) With reference to at least **two** different areas of study, outline and examine some ideas on the nature of holiness. [30]

(b) “Holiness is no longer important in modern culture.”

Critically evaluate this view. You should refer to other aspects of human experience in your answer. [20]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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