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General Certificate of Education
2018

Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 1
The Government and Politics of Northern Ireland

MV18

[SGP11]

THURSDAY 24 MAY, AFTERNOON

Time

1 hour 15 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

Instructions to Candidates

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided. Answer **all four** questions.

Information for Candidates

The total mark for this paper is 50.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in Questions **3**, **4(a)**, and **4(b)**.

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Advice to Candidates

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

Study the Source before attempting to answer Questions 2 and 3 and refer to the Source in your answer to those questions.

Read the Source below and use it in answering Questions 2 and 3

Source

The Northern Ireland Executive was regularly in a state of crisis because of its internal divisions. The lack of collective responsibility among members of the Executive was one clear indication of this. Members of the Executive were only too willing to publicly disagree with one another. However, the Executive survived and Unionists and Nationalists governed together until January 2017. Sharing power sometimes took a symbolic form, such as the First and Deputy First Ministers appearing jointly. There were also examples of practical power-sharing that did not catch the headlines.

- 1 Identify **two** types of committee within the Northern Ireland Assembly between 2007 and 2017. [4 marks]
- 2 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain what is meant by “collective responsibility”. [6 marks]
- 3 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain **three** ways in which the Executive shared power between 2007 and 2017. [15 marks]

Either

- 4 (a)** Assess the view that the current policies of the DUP are totally different from those it supported in 1998.
[25 marks]

Or

- (b)** Assess the reasons why Sinn Féin has succeeded in replacing the SDLP as the dominant Nationalist party.
[25 marks]

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