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Assessment Unit AS 1
The Government and Politics of Northern Ireland



SGP11

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FRIDAY 17 MAY, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 15 minutes.

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 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 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.

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

Source

In spite of agreements on issues such as policing, parties disagree with each other on nearly every other significant issue. Everything comes down to whether Northern Ireland should be part of the UK or a United Ireland. For example, divisions over Brexit reflect the Unionist/Nationalist division. Unionists favour Brexit because they see it as securing the Union with Britain. Nationalists oppose Brexit because they see it as preventing greater co-operation within the island of Ireland. The same is true of how “victims’ issues” should be dealt with.

- 1 Identify **two** Bills passed by the Assembly between 2007 and 2017. [4]

- 2 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain what is meant by “victims’ issues”. [6]

- 3 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain **three** areas of agreement between Unionist and Nationalist parties since 2007. [15]

Either

- 4 (a) Assess the view that the Assembly failed to effectively perform its scrutiny roles between 2007 and 2017. [25]

Or

- (b) Assess the view that there was no real power-sharing within the Executive Committee between 2007 and 2017. [25]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER

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