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## Government and Politics

### Assessment Unit AS 1

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### Module 1: The Government and Politics of Northern Ireland

[ASQ11]

WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY, MORNING

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#### TIME

1 hour.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided. Study the source material provided and answer **both** questions which follow.

#### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 24.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **both** 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 study the source material before attempting to answer the questions.

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

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## Source Material

### Source A

#### The New Politics

A new politics has emerged, based upon republican movement towards constitutional methods and unionist recognition of the Irishness of the minority, accompanied by an acceptance of the need for an Irish dimension to political arrangements. A new politics of Northern Ireland, less concerned with traditional constitutional politics and more involving cross-community social issues, may yet emerge.

*Source: Adapted from Bill Jones et al., Politics UK, Pearson, 2007*

### Source B

#### Britain reimposes direct rule over Northern Ireland

Britain announced today that it would strip power from Northern Ireland's four-party coalition government and resume administrative responsibility.

Northern Ireland Secretary John Reid said the suspension of the power-sharing administration would take effect Monday at midnight, local time.

He blamed a lack of trust on both sides, and concerns about some of the parties' commitment to democracy and non-violence. The government's Northern Ireland Office will take over day-to-day running of the province while British Prime Minister Tony Blair tries to rebuild consensus among the political parties.

*Source: Adapted from [www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca), 14 October 2002*

## Questions

- 1 With reference to **Source A** and any other material you have studied, explain the reasons why republicans have moved towards constitutional methods since the 1990s. [10]
- 2 With reference to **Source B** and any other material you have studied, assess the extent to which the devolved institutions have overcome the democratic deficit created by Direct Rule. [14]

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

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