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## Government and Politics

### Assessment Unit AS 1

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Module 1: The Government and  
Politics of Northern Ireland

[AQ111]



FRIDAY 22 MAY, MORNING

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#### TIME

1 hour 15 minutes.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Study the source material provided and answer questions **1** and **2** and either **3(a)** or **3(b)**.

#### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 50.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in questions **2** and **3**.

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.

## Unionists Will Hold Veto

Unionists will have an effective veto on controversial Sinn Fein policies, including abolition of the 11-plus, in the new power-sharing executive.

Rick Wilford, Professor of Politics at Queen's University, said changes to the Good Friday Agreement made at St Andrews would mean unionists could block policies they don't like.

The DUP MP for Lagan Valley, Jeffrey Donaldson, said that Sinn Fein had not understood the implications of the St Andrews Agreement. "Anything unionists of either party dislike will be referred back to the Assembly. Although there will have to be cross-community support, unionists are in the majority and will have the ultimate veto," he said.

*Adapted from: Unionists will hold vote veto by Henry McDonald, The Observer, 6 May 2007  
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1 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, discuss in two paragraphs the main policy differences between Sinn Fein and the Democratic Unionist Party. [8]

2 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, outline the main differences between the Good Friday and St Andrews Agreements. [16]

**3 Either**

(a) Assess the reasons for the change in the electoral performance of the Ulster Unionist Party since 1998. [26]

**Or**

(b) Assess the extent to which the Assembly has made the government of Northern Ireland more democratic. [26]

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

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