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## **Government and Politics**

**Assessment Unit AS 1**

**The Government and  
Politics of Northern Ireland**

**[AQ111]**

**MONDAY 13 JUNE, AFTERNOON**

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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 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 take account of the marks for each question in allocating the available examination time.

You are advised to study the source before attempting to answer questions **1** and **2**, and to refer to the source in your answers to these questions.

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Study the source below and answer the questions that follow:

**Source**

Statutory Committees were established under the Northern Ireland Act of 1998. As a result of the St Andrews Agreement the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister also became a statutory committee. Each of the 11 statutory committees can consider and advise on departmental budgets and annual plans. To assist them in their work they can ask organisations and people to provide information.

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- 1 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain **two** functions of Assembly Statutory Committees. [8]
  
- 2 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain why Assembly Statutory Committees have been considered a success. [16]
  
- 3 **Either**
  - (a) Assess how successful the Ulster Unionist Party has been in challenging the dominance of the Democratic Unionist Party. [26]

Or

  - (b) Assess the extent to which Members of the Legislative Assembly have been successful in carrying out their functions. [26]

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

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