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# Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 1  
The Government and  
Politics of Northern Ireland



AQ111

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**THURSDAY 4 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 the page 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

Peter Robinson and Martin McGuinness, the First and Deputy First Ministers, have announced how they intend to build a shared future in Northern Ireland. Among the proposals is a target of bringing down all Northern Ireland's Peace Walls by 2023. However, Mr. Robinson said there were a range of other issues such as flags and parading that would need further discussion. The First and Deputy First Ministers announced the setting up of all-party talks to discuss these issues, chaired by an independent chairperson.

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- 1 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain **two** policy areas where the DUP and Sinn Fein have managed to overcome their differences. [8]
  
- 2 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain the main areas of continuing policy difference between the unionist and nationalist parties. [16]
  
- 3 **Either**
  - (a) Assess the view that MLAs have been effective in holding the Executive to account since 2007. [26]

Or

  - (b) Assess the view that the Executive has failed to provide effective government for Northern Ireland since 2007. [26]

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

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