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# Government and Politics

Assessment Unit AS 1  
The Government and  
Politics of Northern Ireland



AQ111

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**TUESDAY 30 MAY, 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

As part of the Peace Process, Sinn Féin adopted a less militant republicanism, softening its demands and making Irish unity a long-term goal. In 1998 Sinn Féin members voted overwhelmingly to change the Party's constitution to allow elected representatives to take their seats at Stormont. The Party's policy of non-cooperation with "British" state institutions was dropped in favour of full participation in democratic politics.

*Adapted from © Politics UK, 6th Edition by Bill Jones et al. Published by Pearson Education, 2007. (ISBN: 9781405824118)*

- 1 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain **two** Sinn Féin policies that have **not** changed since 1998. [8]
  
- 2 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain which of Sinn Féin's policies have changed since 1998. [16]
  
- 3 **Either**
  - (a) Assess the view that, between 2007 and 2017, the Northern Ireland Executive failed to function as a power-sharing government. [26]

**Or**

  - (b) Assess the view that, between 2007 and 2017, the Assembly was an effective legislative body. [26]

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

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