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Assessment Unit AS 1
The Government and Politics of Northern Ireland



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TUESDAY 30 MAY, AFTERNOON

TIME

1 hour 15 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **all four** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 50.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in Questions **3**, **4(a)**, and **4(b)**.

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 part question in allocating the available examination time.

Study the Source before attempting to answer Questions 2 and 3 and refer to the Source in your answer to those questions.

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Read the Source below and use it in answering Questions 2 and 3

Source

The Northern Ireland Executive was in continuous operation from 2007. However, this record hides the fact that it experienced many significant divisions during this period. “Legacy issues” were among the most divisive and many of these remain unresolved. For example, every year the issue of parading causes conflict and the Executive was unable to sort out the problem. In the period since 2007 the Executive survived a series of crises but eventually collapsed in January 2017.

- 1 Identify **two** government departments within the Northern Ireland Executive since 2007. [4]

- 2 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain what is meant by “legacy issues”. [6]

- 3 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain **three** areas of continuing disagreement between the DUP and Sinn Féin. [15]

Either

- 4 (a) Assess how effective the Executive Committee was in governing Northern Ireland between 2007 and 2017. [25]

Or

- (b) Assess the view that the Assembly was a legislative failure between 2007 and 2017. [25]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER

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