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Assessment Unit AS 1
The Government and Politics of Northern Ireland



SGP11

[SGP11] Assessment

TIME

1 hour 15 minutes.

Assessment Level of Control:

Tick the relevant box (✓)

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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 Assembly had many faults but one area in which it was a relative success was in legislating. Although it did not have devolved power over all areas, the Assembly did create a significant number of laws before its suspension in 2017. Critics argue that most of the Acts passed were just copies of laws passed at Westminster and were not 'home grown'. However, the Assembly did operate as an effective legislative body by, for example, voting on the legislative proposals of the Executive Committee.

- 1 Identify **two** ways in which MLAs can perform their representative role. [4]

- 2 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain what is meant by "devolved power". [6]

- 3 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain **three** ways in which MLAs are able to perform their legislative role. [15]

Either

- 4 (a) Assess the view that the policies of Sinn Féin today are very different from those it supported in 1998. [25]

Or

- (b) Assess the reasons why the DUP succeeded in replacing the UUP as the main unionist party after 1998. [25]

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