

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS **GOV6**
**Unit 6 The Politics of Northern Ireland, Scotland
and Wales**

Monday 23 June 2003 Morning Session

In addition to this paper you will require:
a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is GOV6.
- Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

Advice

- You are advised to spend approximately 10 minutes reading the examination paper before you attempt the questions.
- You are advised to spend the same amount of time on each question.

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Each question carries 40 marks.

1 Study the following extract and answer parts (a), (b) and (c) which follow.

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- (a) Using the extract, explain the term *devolved legislative power*. (8 marks)
- (b) Using the extract and your own knowledge, explain how *devolution did not, however, alter the constitutional status of Scotland within the United Kingdom*. (12 marks)
- (c) “A stepping stone to independence.” Discuss this view of the establishment of the Scottish Parliament. (20 marks)

2 Critically evaluate the political influence of nationalist parties in Scotland and Wales. (40 marks)

3 To what extent can the Northern Ireland conflict be seen simply as a religious struggle? (40 marks)

4 Assess whether the establishment of a Welsh Assembly has, in practice, made the government of Wales more accountable to the people of Wales. (40 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS