

General Certificate of Education
January 2005
Advanced Level Examination



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

Thursday 27 January 2005 Afternoon Session

In addition to this paper you will require:
an 8-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 read through 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.

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Total for this question: 40 marks

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

Text adapted from F. COCHRANE, "The Future of the Union II: Northern Ireland", in J. FISHER et al, *Central Debates in British Politics* (Pearson Education) 2003. Not reproduced here due to copyright constraints.

- (a) Explain the term *United Kingdom* used in the extract. (8 marks)
- (b) Using the extract and your own knowledge, explain why the Northern Ireland conflict may be seen as being "centred around contested nationality claims". (12 marks)
- (c) "History plays an important role in contemporary political behaviour in Northern Ireland." Discuss. (20 marks)

Answer either **Question 2** or **Question 3** or **Question 4**.

- 2** Critically assess the political, economic and cultural forces which underlie nationalism in Scotland **and** Wales. *(40 marks)*
- 3** “The process of devolution has affected not only Scotland and Wales but also the way that the UK is governed.” Discuss. *(40 marks)*
- 4** Explain the continuing strength of Labour and the weakness of the Conservatives in Scotland **and** Wales. *(40 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS