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## **Government and Politics**

### **Assessment Unit AS 1**

**The Government and  
Politics of Northern Ireland**

**[AQ111]**

**THURSDAY 9 JANUARY, MORNING**

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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**

Tom Elliott has been replaced by Mike Nesbitt after only eighteen months as the Ulster Unionist Party leader. Nesbitt has his work cut out to establish a new identity that will stop the UUP being slowly absorbed by the Democratic Unionist Party. To survive long-term he needs to actually show voters that there is a difference between the two unionist parties. The DUP left the UUP trailing on engagement with the Gaelic Athletic Association and on attending the conferences of southern political parties such as Fine Gael.

*Adapted from: "UUP will have to prove it's cut from a different cloth" by Liam Clarke, © Belfast Telegraph, 6 April 2012.*

- 1 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain **two** ways by which the UUP tried to reverse its decline since 2003. [8]
  
- 2 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain how the DUP has maintained its dominance of unionism. [16]
  
- 3 **Either**
  - (a) Assess the view that the lack of a formal opposition in the Assembly has prevented proper scrutiny of the Executive since 2007. [26]

Or

  - (b) Assess the view that since 2007 the Assembly has been a legislative success. [26]

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

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