

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Level Examination



**HISTORY**  
**Unit 6W**  
**Alternative U: Britain and Ireland, 1969–1998**

**HS6U**

Friday 22 June 2007 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 12-page answer book

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is HS6U.
- Answer **all** questions.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 40.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and coherently and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

**Advice**

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on part (c).

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Answer **all** questions.

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- 1 Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

**Source A**

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**Source B**

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**Source C** The model and tactics that the campaigners adopted from the US black civil rights movement were imperfectly suited to Northern Ireland. Street marches, sit-downs, passive resistance and songs such as *We Shall Overcome* had a very different implication in Armagh than in Alabama. To march in an area was to demonstrate control or, as was invariably the Paisleyite view of civil rights marches in loyalist areas, territorial invasion. It is true, of course, that for many involved in the civil rights struggle, especially the Protestants, the claim of ‘British rights for British citizens’ defined the extent of their ambitions. The argument that the civil rights leadership should have realised the political dangers of over-identification with the Catholic sector, and made a greater effort to address the concerns of Protestants, has some validity.

Adapted from J LOUGHLIN, *The Ulster Question since 1945*, 2004

(a) Use **Source B** and your own knowledge.

Assess the validity of the view in **Source B** about the RUC’s response to the situation in 1969. (10 marks)

(b) Use **Source A** and your own knowledge.

How useful is **Source A** as evidence about the increase in communal tension in 1969? (10 marks)

(c) Use **Sources A, B and C** and your own knowledge.

‘In the years 1969 to 1972, the failure of the Stormont government to deliver reforms allowed the IRA to use the civil rights movement as a cover for its own republican agenda.’  
Assess the validity of this view. (20 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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