

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**

Tuesday 29 June 2004 Morning 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.

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

"Devolution", text adapted from P COCKER & A JONES, *British Politics and Government* (Liverpool Academic Press) 2002, pp. 260-2 - not reproduced here due to copyright constraints.

- (a) Explain the term *devolution* used in the extract. (8 marks)
- (b) Using the extract and your own knowledge, explain the significance of the Welsh Assembly having "only secondary legislative powers" delegated to it. (12 marks)
- (c) "Effective devolution of power has occurred in Scotland." Discuss. (20 marks)

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

- 2 “A compromise between the competing demands of the different traditions in Northern Ireland.”
Discuss this view of the 1998 Good Friday Peace Agreement. *(40 marks)*
- 3 Discuss the view that multi-party systems now exist in Scotland and Wales. *(40 marks)*
- 4 “Although it takes different forms, nationalism remains a powerful force in the politics of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.” Discuss. *(40 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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