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## **Government and Politics**

Assessment Unit A2 1

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Module 4: The Government and Politics of the USA

Module 5: The Government and Politics of the Republic of Ireland

[A2Q11] MONDAY 7 JANUARY, MORNING

#### TIME

1 hour.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided. Answer **either** Section A on Module 4 **or** Section B on Module 5. Answer **one** question from your chosen section.

#### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The total mark for this paper is 30.

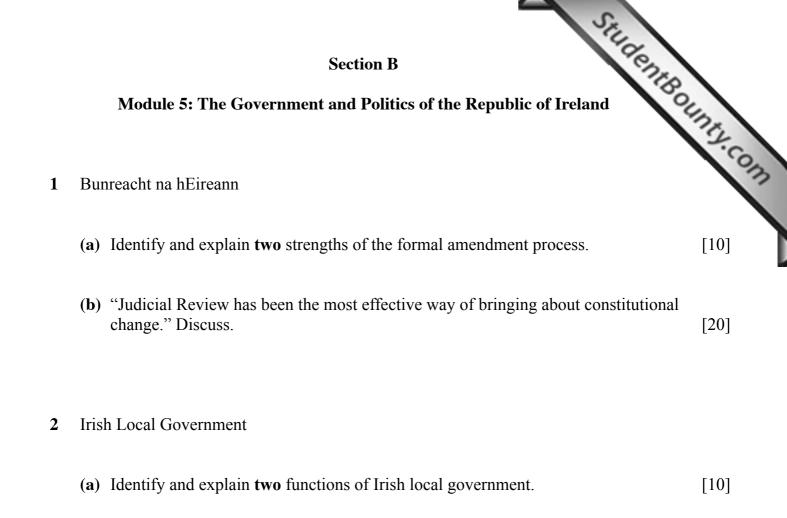
Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions. Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

#### ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each part question in allocating the available examination time.

# You should answer one question from either Section A or Section Section A Section A States of America Module 4: The Government and Politics of the United States of America

- The Constitution of the USA 1
  - (a) Identify and explain two ways by which the Constitution can be informally amended.
    - [10]
  - (b) "The Constitution has failed in its task of preventing executive dominance." Discuss. [20]
- 2 The United States Supreme Court
  - (a) Identify and explain two Supreme Court decisions that have had a major impact upon American society. [10]
  - (b) "More than ever, Supreme Court judges are 'politicians in robes'." Discuss. [20]
- United States Political Parties 3
  - (a) Identify and explain two differences between the support base of the Democratic Party and that of the Republican Party. [10]
  - (b) "The decline of the two major US political parties shows no sign of slowing up." Discuss. [20]



(b) "Irish local government is entirely dependent upon central government." Discuss. [20]

### 3 Irish Political Parties

(a)	Identify and explain two core principles of Fianna Fail.	[10]
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(b) "The Progressive Democrats' attempt to break the mould of Irish politics has been undermined by their willingness to enter coalition governments." Discuss. [20]

# THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER

