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## Government and Politics

### Assessment Unit AS 1

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### Module 1: The Government and Politics of Northern Ireland

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WEDNESDAY 7 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 material 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 pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

#### ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to study the source material before attempting to answer questions 1 and 2.  
You are advised to take account of the marks for each part question in allocating the available examination time.

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Study the source below and answer the questions that follow:

Source

**Empey Opposes Closer Unionist Links**

Speaking to the Upper Bann branch of the party, the Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) Sir Reg Empey cast doubt on the merits of closer links between the UUP and Democratic Unionist Party (DUP).

Empey noted that there had been no talk of co-operation from the DUP during the March 2007 Assembly Elections. At that time the DUP's only aim seemed to be the destruction of the UUP.

He went on to say that it was tempting to draw the conclusion that the DUP – which has quite a few problems on its plate at the moment – regards co-operation with the UUP as a way of increasing the DUP's recent electoral dominance.

- 1 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain **two** reasons why the UUP might not want closer links with the DUP. [8]
  
- 2 With reference to the Source and any other relevant material you have studied, explain why the electoral performance of the UUP has changed since 1998. [16]
  
- 3 **Either**
  - (a) Assess the effectiveness of the Assembly since devolution was restored in 2007. [26]

Or

  - (b) Assess the reasons for the changes in electoral support for the two main nationalist parties since 1994. [26]

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

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