

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
**Unit 6 The Politics of Northern Ireland, Scotland
and Wales**

GOV6

Tuesday 27 June 2006 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-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 GOV6.
- Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for questions (or part questions) are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

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 following extract and answer parts (a) to (c) which follow.

Text from F N FORMAN, *Constitutional Change in the United Kingdom*,
Routledge, 2002, pp123 and 125. Not reproduced here due to third-party
copyright constraints.

- (a) Explain the term *federal system* as used in the extract. (8 marks)
- (b) ‘Prior to the Blair Government, the Conservatives used their majority of English MPs to impose their policies on the Scottish and Welsh people.’
Using the extract and your own knowledge, explain the implications of this statement to the debate about devolution. (12 marks)
- (c) ‘There is now an overwhelming case for an English Parliament.’ Discuss. (20 marks)

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

- 2 To what extent has the Northern Ireland question now effectively been resolved? (40 marks)
- 3 Discuss the significance of the difference in powers given by the Blair Government to devolved elected bodies in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. (40 marks)
- 4 'Nationalism in Scotland and Wales is driven mainly by cultural factors.' Discuss. (40 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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