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**Instructions:** Answer THREE questions, at least ONE from each section

Duration	3hs 45
No. of Answer books	1

**Requirements:**

Handout	
MCQ	
Statistical Tables	
Graph Paper	
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Other Material	

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Department(s)	Political Science & Sociology

# **SP424 Introduction to Northern Ireland Politics**

**Answer *three* questions: at least *one* from each section**

**Time allowed 3 hours**

## **A**

1. In your opinion what were the major factors that led to the emergence of Northern Ireland as a semi-autonomous political state?
2. Paul Mitchell argues that the 'dual polity' model best describes political party competition in Northern Ireland. On what basis does he argue this, and do you agree?
3. Examine the context of the civil rights' protests in the late 1960's. Was it a deliberate attempt at subverting and destabilising the state, or more a spontaneous mobilisation of Catholics simply seeking civil rights?
4. Considering the inequality/discrimination issue in Northern Ireland, what did it involve and how culpable was the Ulster Unionist Party in government?

## **B**

5. Does the ethnic conflict framework enable useful comparisons to be made between Northern Ireland and, say, South Africa, Palestine-Israel or Bosnia-Herzegovina?
6. Examine and appraise critically the roles of the two governments in relation to the contemporary crisis in Northern Ireland.
7. What exactly is the 'Belfast Agreement'? What factors led to its signing and why?
8. What role does theory play in aiding an understanding of the conflict in Northern Ireland?