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EXAMINATION PAPER: IN PERSON PRE-SEEN EXAM

IP2/35020: Devolution and Wales

This paper is released 24 hours prior to the exam itself to give you time to think through and plan your answers.

Time allowed to complete the exam: **2 HOURS**.

Please answer **ONE** question.

STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAPER IN EITHER WELSH OR ENGLISH

1. To what extent has devolution enabled a more participative democracy in Wales? Discuss with reference to civil society engagement with devolved governmental institutions in Wales.
2. Has devolution strengthened the participation of minority groups in the political process in Wales?
3. ‘A significant constitutional step forward?’ What are the main implications of the new arrangements for Intergovernmental Relations in the UK introduced in 2022 for Wales?
4. What are the main opportunity structures that have been available to the Welsh Government be active on the international stage?
5. After two decades, what are key areas of achievement of devolved governance to Wales and what are the continuing challenges?
6. Select and critically examine **one** of the current proposals for Wales’ constitutional future.