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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

B.A.

Dutch 1HA5: Aspects of the History of the Low Countries

COURSE CODE : DUTC1HA5

UNIT VALUE : 0.50

DATE : 30-APR-03

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

Answer **THREE** questions. Each of the three questions is to block. Each answer has equal weight.

Block 1: From the Late Middle Ages to the Revolt of the Netherlands

Either:

- a) How strong were feelings of unity across the Low Countries by the early 16th century?

or:

- b) Which of the following two labels best describes the uprising against Spain: the 'Dutch' Revolt or the Revolt of 'the Netherlands'?

Block 2: From the 17th century to the Age of Revolutions

Either:

- a) Assess the peculiarity of the Dutch Republic's political structure.

or:

- b) Consider the significance of the French Revolution and subsequent French involvement in the Low Countries to the history of these countries.

Block 3: The Economic and Political Geography of the Low Countries in the 19th century

Either:

- a) Explain how and why Belgium was ahead of the Netherlands during the 19th century in terms of political modernization.

or:

- b) Compare and contrast the patterns of industrialization in Belgium and the Netherlands.

Block 4: Divided Societies?

Either:

- a) Why is it incorrect to define the Dutch confessional parties in the 19th century as 'conservative' parties?

or:

- b) Was Flemish nationalism anti-Belgian in the period up to 1914? Justify your answer.

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