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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 : 03–MAY–05**

**TIME : 14.30**

**TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours**

## **DUTC 1HA5: Aspects of the History of the Low Countries**

- Answer three questions.
- Each of the three questions is to be taken from a different block.
- Each question has equal weight.

### **Block 1: From the Late Middle Ages to the Revolt of the Netherlands, 14<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup> century**

*Either:*

- a) Consider the significance of the Burgundian period (1383–1477) for the history of the Low Countries.

*or:*

- b) Why were the Spanish able to retain power in the Southern Netherlands but not in the North?

### **Block 2: From the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the Age of Revolutions**

*Either:*

- a) Do you agree that the Dutch Republic was a “haven of toleration”? Justify your answer.

*or:*

- b) Was the United Kingdom of the Netherlands (1815–1830) doomed to fall apart as a nation from the beginning? Justify your answer.

### **Block 3: The Economic and Political Geography of the Low Countries in the 19<sup>th</sup> century**

*Either:*

- a) Evaluate the relatively easy transition of the Netherlands to parliamentary democracy under Thorbecke (1848).

*or:*

- b) To what extent was Belgium ahead of the Netherlands during the 19<sup>th</sup> century in terms of political modernisation? Justify your answer.

### **Block 4: Divided Societies?**

*Either:*

- a) What was the most divisive political issue in 19<sup>th</sup>-century Belgium? Justify your answer.

*or:*

- b) Did Flemish nationalism have an anti-Belgian character in the period before World War I? Justify your answer.

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