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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 : 11-MAY-06

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

DUTC1HA5: Aspects of the History of the Low Countries

- Answer three questions.
- Each question has equal weight.

Block 1: From the Late Middle Ages to the Revolt of the Netherlands, 14th–16th century

Either:

- a) Why was secession from the Spanish crown successful in the Northern but not in the Southern Netherlands?

or:

- b) Consider the significance of the Burgundian unification efforts (1383–1477) in the history of the Low Countries.

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

Either:

- a) Consider the significance of the Dutch Republic for the history of the modern state of the Netherlands.

or:

- b) Would you agree that the Kingdom of the United Netherlands (1815–1830) had little chance of surviving as a nation from the start?

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

Either:

- a) Explain why the liberal democracy of Thorbecke (1848) was established in a relatively peaceful fashion.

or:

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

Block 4: Divided Societies?

Either:

- a) What factors contributed to the emergence and success of Christian (catholic and protestant) political parties in the Netherlands in the 19th century?

or:

- b) Was Flemish nationalism anti-Belgian before World War I? Justify your answer.

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