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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

B.A.

Dutch 1HC5: Introduction to Dutch and Belgian Contemporary History

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DUTC 1HC5: Introduction to Dutch and Belgian Contemporary History

Answer THREE questions. Each of the three questions is to be taken from a different period.

Period 1: The interwar period and the Second World War

Either:

- a) Why was support for extreme right-wing political parties in the 1930s weaker in the Netherlands than in Belgium?

or:

- b) Contrast and compare the experience of occupation in the Second World War in the Netherlands and Belgium.

Period 2: Post-war consensus, 1945-c.1964

Either:

- a) To what extent can the stability of post-war social and political life in the Netherlands be ascribed to 'pillarisation'?

or:

- b) Consider the parallels between the 'Royal Question' and the 'Schools War' in post-war Belgium.

Period 3: New issues and problems, 1960s and 1970s

Either:

- a) How do you account for the far-reaching changes in Dutch society in the Sixties?

or:

- b) Explain why intercommunal tensions in Belgium became increasingly sharp in the 1960s.

Period 4: Contemporary society, 1980s and 1990s

Either:

- a) Define and describe the so-called 'polder model'.

or:

- b) 'In the nineties Belgium became a totally different country'. Discuss.

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