

**Answer THREE questions. Each of the three questions is to be taken from a different block. Each answer has equal weight.**

### **Block 1: The interwar period and the Second World War**

*Either:*

a) Consider the internal development of Flemish nationalism during the interwar years and the Second World War.

*or:*

b) The notion that the Netherlands was a 'country of resistance' in the Second World War is a myth. Do you agree?

### **Block 2: Post-war consensus**

*Either:*

a) Explain why the Netherlands was a more stable country than Belgium in the period up to the 1960s.

*or:*

b) Why did the 'Royal Question' develop into one of Belgium's greatest post-war political crises?

### **Block 3: New issues and problems, 1960s and 1970s**

*Either:*

a) Consider the peculiarities of the 'cultural revolution' of the Sixties in the Netherlands.

*or:*

b) Explain why Belgium came to have two distinct types of member-state, the community and the region.

### **Block 4: Contemporary society, 1980s and 1990s**

*Either:*

a) Evaluate the significance of the 'Purple Coalition' in recent Dutch political history.

*or:*

b) Consider the connection between the rise of the far right and that of the green parties in 1990s Belgium.

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