

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON**

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**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

For The Following Qualification:-

*B.A.*

**Dutch 1HC5: Introduction to Dutch and Belgian Contemporary History**

**COURSE CODE : DUTC1HC5**

**UNIT VALUE : 0.50**

**DATE : 06-MAY-04**

**TIME : 10.00**

**TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours**

## **DUTC1HC5: Introduction to Dutch and Belgian Contemporary History**

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

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

*Either:*

a) Why was support for extreme right-wing parties in the thirties stronger in Belgium than in the Netherlands?

*or:*

b) Explain the concept of 'accommodation' in discussions of the German occupation of the Netherlands.

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

*Either:*

a) Account for the continuing pivotal role of christian parties in Dutch politics in the post-war period (1945-c.1960).

*or:*

b) Why was Belgian society more divided than Dutch society in the post-war years (1945-c.1960)?

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

*Either:*

a) What were the main aims and methods of the Dutch protest movements of the Sixties?

*or:*

b) 'Belgium's process of federalisation from the 1970s onwards was the logical outcome of a long-standing conflict between Flemings and French-speakers.' Do you agree with this statement?

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

*Either:*

a) Did the formation of 'purple coalition' governments in the Netherlands (1994-2002) signify a historic shift in the country's recent history?

*or:*

b) Explain the recent success of the *Vlaams Blok* in Flanders.

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