

University of London

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–05

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

DUTC 1HC5: 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) Consider the shifts in attitude among the Dutch population at large towards German occupation during World War II.

or:

- b) How do you account for the surge in popularity of Flemish nationalism in interwar Belgium?

Block 2: Post-war consensus, 1945–1960s

Either:

- a) Discuss the concept of ‘pillarisation’ with reference to Dutch society between 1945 and c. 1960.

or:

- b) Discuss the impact of the ‘Royal Question’ and the ‘School Issue’ on post-war Belgian society.

Block 3: New issues and problems, 1960s–1980s

Either:

- a) Do you agree that the changes in the Netherlands of the 1960s constitute a ‘cultural revolution’?

or:

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

Block 4: Contemporary society, 1990s–today

Either:

- a) Describe and discuss the so-called ‘polder model’.

or:

- b) Explain the success of the Flemish extreme right in recent years.

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