

**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 : 12-MAY-06**

**TIME : 14.30**

**TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours**

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

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

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

*Either:*

- a) Why does the memory of the German occupation (1940–1945) play such a significant role in Dutch national consciousness?

*or:*

- b) Consider the development of Flemish nationalism in the interwar period and during World War II.

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

*Either:*

- a) Discuss the phenomenon of ‘pillarisation’ in Dutch society with reference to the post-war years (1945–c.1960).

*or:*

- b) Why did the ‘Royal Question’ develop into one of Belgium’s most severe post-war political crises?

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

*Either:*

- a) What were the main aims and methods of the Dutch protest movements in the 1960s?

*or:*

- b) Explain why federal Belgium came to consist of communities and regions.

### **Block 4: Contemporary society, 1990s–today**

*Either:*

- a) Evaluate the significance of consensus in Dutch political culture with reference to the so-called ‘poldermodel’ of the 1990s.

*or:*

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

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