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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:–

B.A.

Dutch 2HT5: Themes in Dutch and Belgian History Since 1930

COURSE CODE : DUTC2HT5

UNIT VALUE : 0.50

DATE : 11–MAY–06

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

DUTC2HT5: Themes in Dutch and Belgian History since 1930

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

Block 1: The interwar period and World War II

Either:

- a) Explain Dutch reactions to the emerging totalitarian menaces during the inter-war period.

or:

- b) Explain the shifts in Dutch collective memory of the German occupation since the end of World War II.

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

Either:

- a) Why did the envisaged 'breakthrough' in Dutch society (*doorbraak*) not materialise directly after World War II?

or:

- b) Discuss the effects of decolonisation on Dutch society after 1945.

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

Either:

- a) To what extent is it justified to define Flemish nationalism as a form of ethnic nationalism?

or:

- b) Assess the relative significance of the Dutch tradition of tolerance for the country's policy-making on such 'ethical' issues like drugs, euthanasia, abortion or same-sex marriage.

Block 4: Current developments and prospects, 1990s–today

Either:

- a) Consider Dutch attitudes to European integration with reference to recent debates on Dutch identity.

or:

- c) To what extent was the federalisation process in Belgium an inevitable outcome of the long-standing conflict between Flemings and French-speakers?

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