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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

B.A.

MES 201: European Integration in Historical Perspective

COURSE CODE : MEST0201

UNIT VALUE : 0.50

DATE : 18-MAY-04

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

MEST0201 EUROPEAN INTEGRATION IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

- Answer TWO questions: ONE from Section A and ONE from Section B.**
- Do NOT answer a question on the topic of your assessed course essay.**
- Do NOT draw substantially on the same material for more than one answer.**

SECTION A

1. To what extent did the Soviet Union under Stalin become a 'totalitarian' regime, and why?
2. 'It is impossible to explain the politics of West Germany between 1945 and 1990 without reference to the changing circumstances of the Cold War.' Discuss.
3. 'Serbian nationalism during the 1980s and 1990s was primarily "modern" in nature; insofar as they were referred to at all, old myths were exploited for the purposes of contemporary politics.' Discuss.
4. Give a critical assessment of the impact of Christian Democracy on Italian politics between 1945 and 1994.
5. 'References to the "failure" of the United Kingdom's economy between 1945 and 1997 are misleading.' Discuss.
6. To what extent can the years between 1945 and 1970 in France be characterised as a period of social and political instability?

SECTION B

7. 'The impact of the Cold War on the domestic policies of European states has been overstated.' Discuss with reference to TWO European countries which you have studied.
8. Compare and contrast the causes of nationalism in TWO European countries which you have studied.

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9. 'The economic growth experienced by European states between 1945 and 1973 was both unprecedented in scale and uniform in nature.' Discuss with reference to TWO European countries which you have studied.
10. To what extent did Christian Democrats dominate politics in the period between 1945 and 1990 in TWO European countries which you have studied, and why?
11. 'One feature of the postwar period in Europe was the gradual exclusion of serious social conflict.' Discuss with reference to TWO European countries which you have studied. You may refer to a specific period, or to the whole of the period between 1945 and the present.
12. 'Although often obscured by the prominence of economic cooperation, political integration has been promoted consistently by European states between 1945 and 1992.' Discuss with reference to TWO European countries which you have studied.

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