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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 : 12-MAY-06

TIME : 14.30

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. How important was the role of ideology in the policies of the Stalinist regime?
2. ‘The partition of Germany dominated West German politics, both foreign and domestic, in the years between 1949 and 1990.’ Discuss.
3. ‘Nationalism in Serbia in the 1980s and 1990s was largely reactive, brought into being by anxiety about the consequences of the disintegration of Yugoslavia.’ Discuss.
4. How do you account for the instability of Italian politics between 1945 and 1994?
5. ‘The notion of “economic decline” in the United Kingdom between 1945 and 1997 is misleading; it understates both the successes and discontinuities of the UK’s economic development.’ Discuss.
6. To what extent did France undergo a social and political transformation between 1945 and 1970, and with what consequences?

SECTION B

7. ‘The impact of the Cold War on the domestic and foreign politics of European states has often been exaggerated.’ Discuss with reference to **TWO** countries which you have studied.
8. How do you explain the resurgence of nationalism in **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.

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9. 'The "economic miracle" of the 1950s and 1960s was the result of particular factors which, as the 1970s and 1980s proved, were unlikely to be repeated.' Discuss with reference to TWO European countries which you have studied.
10. Give a critical assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of Christian Democracy in 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.
11. To what extent did TWO European countries which you have studied converge socially between 1945 and 1973, and why?
12. 'Economic imperatives have been the principal motor of European integration between 1945 and 1992.' Discuss with reference to TWO European countries which you have studied.

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