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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:–

B.A.

Italian X140: Problems in Italian History, 1848–1915

COURSE CODE : ITALX140

UNIT VALUE : 0.50

DATE : 02–MAY–06

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

Answer THREE questions.

At least ONE question must be answered from each section of the paper.

SECTION 1

1. To what extent are the constitutions a good guide to the political ideas of Italian nationalism in 1848?
2. Why was the *mezzogiorno* seen as a problem by nationalists during and immediately after the Risorgimento?
3. Discuss the value of visual sources for writing the history of the Risorgimento.
4. Assess the role played by the battle for public opinion during the Risorgimento.
5. 'The taxman and the policeman'. Does this adequately describe the role of the Italian state in the south after the Risorgimento?
6. Why did Italy fail to build an empire in the 19th Century?

SECTION 2

8. In what ways did mass emigration help or hinder Italy's industrial development?
9. Did Giolitti modernise Italy? Give reasons for your answer.
10. A 'protest of the stomach'. Is this an accurate description of the Fasci Siciliani?
11. 'No compromise will ever be possible with the Italian state' (Pope Pius IX, 1871). Discuss this statement in the light of the relationship between Church and state after 1860.
12. 'The least of the great powers' (R. Bosworth). Does this statement accurately sum up Italy's international standing after unification?
13. Why were the Futurists so enthusiastic about the cultural model represented by the modern city?

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