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SEMESTER II

HISTORY

Course HI 335 – THE CONSTRUCTION OF IDENTITY IN  
EUROPE, 1500–1800

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Time allowed: Two hours  
Answer Three questions in total

- 1 To what extent might Justus Möser's *History of Osnabrück* be seen as the culmination of a process leading to the formation of a 'singular' German identity for the German people ?
  - 2 Comment on the historical background which led to the changing concepts of Europe in the period 1500–1800.
  - 3 Contrast the emergence of German national identity with that of one other European nation in the period 1500–1800.
  - 4 How did changes in attitudes to medicine and the body help in transforming peoples awareness of themselves during the early modern period ?
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- 5      **What were the moves which led to "a more unitary state structure" [John Elliott], 1500–1800 ?**
- 6      **How did scientific method come to be seen as incompatible with religion in European society in the early modern period ?**
- 7      **Account for the general process of 'Enlightenment' in western European society to 1800.**
- 8      **What effect did change in understanding of civility, intimacy and taste have on European society in the period 1500–1800 ?**
- 9      **Discuss the importance of the spread of literacy and the development of a 'reading public' in Europe in the years 1500–1800.**
- 10     **In what way does change in family structure and attitudes to children mirror greater societal change in early modern Europe ?**