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MSc/MRes EXAMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS

FULL-TITLE OF MODULE: Nationalism and Ethno-Religious Conflict

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DURATION OF PAPER: THREE HOURS, 2:30 pm- 5:30 pm

You must answer THREE of the TEN questions.

All questions carry equal weight.

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1. What is an ethnic group and how does it differ from a nation?
2. What best explains the evolution of the state since Antiquity?
3. When did ethnic groups emerge?
4. Can states build a sense of mass national identity?
5. Are there 'ethnic' and 'civic' nations?
6. Assess the thesis that democratisation leads to increased ethnic conflict.
7. What explains national secession?

8. **Either**
 - (a) 'Violence is a tool used by rational political entrepreneurs.' Discuss.

Or

 - (b) Do all ethnic civil wars revolve around local issues?
9. 'Nationalism is a surrogate religion.' Discuss.
10. 'Islamic revival since 1970 is driven by Saudi oil wealth and geopolitics.'
Discuss.