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**MSc/MRes EXAMINATION**

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS**

**FULL-TITLE OF MODULE: NATIONALISM IN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT**

**OFFICIAL MODULE NUMBER: *POSO065S7***

**CREDIT VALUE: 30 credits**

**DATE OF EXAMINATION: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

**DURATION OF PAPER: THREE HOURS, 10:00 – 13:00**

**You must answer THREE of the TEN questions.**

**All questions carry equal weight.**

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1. 'Consociationalism offers the best hope for implementing democracy in ethnically divided societies.' Discuss.
2. Is multiculturalism in retreat in Britain?
3. Does the content of a state's national identity affect its international relations?
4. Are diasporas important foreign policy actors?
5. What forces shape the fate of the idea of national self-determination in international law?
6. What factors have shifted the balance between European integration and national sovereignty in the European Union since 1951?
7. How can one explain the upsurge in Islamist activity in the Muslim world in the 1990s and 2000s?
8. Can demographic factors cause ethnic or religious conflict?
9. Are ethnically diverse societies poorer and more fractious than ethnically homogeneous ones?

**10. EITHER**

(a) How important are demographic factors in stimulating ethnic tension?

**OR**

(b) Why, or why not, 'Shall the Religious Inherit the Earth?'

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