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MSc or MRes EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS
MSc or MRes NATIONALISM AND ETHNIC CONFLICT

SCHOOL OF POLITICS AND SOCIETY

NATIONALISM AND ETHNO-RELIGIOUS CONFLICT
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DURATION OF PAPER: 3 hours, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Answer **THREE** from the eleven questions on the paper. All questions carry equal weight.

1. What is the difference between an ethnic group and a nation, and how are they related?
2. 'Ethnicity is a product of our genetic programming'. Discuss.
3. Assess the conflicting claims of modernists and ethnosymbolists.
4. How do states attempt to instil state-nationalism in their populations?
5. Is the 'ethnic-civic' paradigm of national identity a useful concept?
6. What is the importance of ethnic and national associations?
7. 'Democratisation leads to increased ethnic and nationalist conflict.' Discuss.
8. What are the factors which give rise to violent ethnic conflict?
9. What explains the rise of the Far Right in the West since 1980?
10. **Either**
When and why did ethnic groups originate? Answer with reference to at least one example.
Or
What are the principal reasons for the emergence of secessionist movements?
11. **Either**
How is race related to ethnicity and nationalism? Answer with reference to at least one case.
Or
'Nationalism is a secular religion'. Do you agree?