

**BIRKBECK COLLEGE
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MSc/MRes EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS

MODULE TITLE: NATIONALISM AND ETHNO-RELIGIOUS CONFLICT

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CREDIT VALUE: 30 CREDITS

DATE OF EXAMINATION: WEDNESDAY 29-APR-15

TIME: 10:00 AM

DURATION OF PAPER: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

Candidates must answer THREE questions.

No credit will be given for additional questions answered.

There are TEN questions on this paper.

All questions carry equal weight.

Candidates must avoid giving the same answer to more than one question.

1. 'A nation represents the overlap between an ethnic group and a state.'

Comment.

2. What produces high levels of indigenous ethnic diversity in a state?

3. 'Some nations are ethnic, others civic.' Do you agree?

4. What accounts for the rise of the modern state? Answer with reference to competing theories.

5. **EITHER**

(a) Assess the modernist argument about the origin of ethnic groups.

OR

(b) Assess the role of popular 'resonance' in nation-building.

6. Are ethnic parties way-markers in the democratisation process?

7. Critically assess Horowitz's explanation of why groups secede.

8. 'Protagonists in civil war use ethnic labels to carry on their local feuds but are not motivated by ethnicity.' Discuss.

9. Assess Bruce's secularisation argument.

10. **EITHER**

(a) 'Religion and Nationalism are mutually exclusive'. Debate.

OR

(b) 'Religion is a building block for creating a national identity'. Discuss.