

**BIRKBECK COLLEGE**

**(University of London)**

**BA EXAMINATION**

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS**

**FULL-TITLE OF MODULE: Nationalism, Ethnicity and Religious Conflict**

**OFFICIAL MODULE NUMBER: POSO030S6**

**CREDIT VALUE: 30 credits**

**DATE OF EXAMINATION: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015**

**DURATION OF PAPER: THREE HOURS 10:00am – 1:00pm**

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

**All questions carry equal weight.**

1. How are nations related to ethnic groups and states?
2. 'Changes in military technology led to the modern form of the state.' Discuss.
3. **EITHER**
  - (a) 'Multiculturalism is illiberal because it recognises group rights.' Do you agree?
- OR**
  - (b) Has multiculturalism declined in Britain? Why or why not.
4. 'Nationalism invents nations where they don't exist.' Discuss with reference to major theories of nationalism.
5. 'There are ethnic nations and there are civic nations.' Discuss.
6. Can nations form on the basis of ethnic mobilisation?
7. Can political protest explain the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of far-right movements?
8. 'Ethnic diversity does not cause violence'. Debate.
9. Discuss the evidence for and against the secularisation thesis.
10. What are the causal factors for movements seeking national self-determination?
11. Is the rise of Islamism at the expense of nationalist projects?
12. **EITHER**
  - (a) Discuss Snyder's democratic transition thesis.
- OR**
  - (b) What are ethnic parties and what effect do they have on democratisation processes?