

**BIRKBECK COLLEGE
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MSc/MRes EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS

**MODULE TITLE: THE POLITICS OF POPULATION CHANGE: IMMIGRATION,
AGING AND CONFLICT**

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CREDIT VALUE: 30 CREDITS

DATE OF EXAMINATION: FRIDAY 29-MAY-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. 'The US is a nation of immigrants.' Debate.
2. 'Demographic transitions lead to democratic transitions.' Do you agree?
3. Are young societies more susceptible to civil war than mature ones?
4. What are the main forms of demographic engineering?
5. Why does Kaufmann argue 'the religious shall inherit the earth?'
6. **EITHER**
 - (a) How important is ethnic change in explaining the rise of the Far Right in Europe?

OR

 - (b) What role does demographic change play in the rise of UKIP?
7. Has multiculturalism declined in Britain?
8. Does climate change lead to violent conflict?
9. When do diasporas affect foreign policy?
10. **EITHER**
 - (a) When does demographic change lead to ethnic conflict? Answer with reference to theories of nationalism.

OR

 - (b) 'Population shifts directly shape politics.' Discuss.