

**BIRKBECK
(University of London)**

BA EXAMINATION 2012-13

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS

**FULL-TITLE OF MODULE: Nationalism, Ethnicity and Religious Conflict
(Level 6)**

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CREDIT VALUE: 30 credits

DATE OF EXAMINATION: Tuesday 7 May 2013

DURATION OF PAPER: THREE HOURS 2.30pm – 5.30pm

You must answer THREE of the TWELVE questions.

All questions carry equal weight.

1. How did ethnic groups originate?
2. How do ethnosymbolists differ from modernists?
3. **Either:**
 - (a) Contrast the ethnic and state routes to nation formation.

Or

 - (b) Contrast the 'ethnic-civic' typology of nations with at least one alternative.
4. How do states seek to spread nationalism to the masses?
5. What is the relationship between nationalism and democratisation?
6. **Either:**
 - (a) 'State repression leads secessionists to violently rebel.' Discuss.

Or

 - (b) 'Protagonists in civil war use ethnic labels to carry on their local feuds but are not motivated by ethnicity.' Discuss.
7. Is consociationalism a better alternative to a majoritarian system in ethnically divided societies?
8. Which is the dominant trend of our time: secularisation or religious revival?
9. Does religion help or hinder nationalism?
10. Is nationalism compatible with liberal political theory?
11. Has multiculturalism been replaced by integration in Britain?
12. What accounts for the rise of the far right in Europe since 1985?