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1. 'Consociationalism is a more realistic means of resolving ethnic conflict than its alternatives'. Discuss.
2. Is the policy of multiculturalism suitable for Britain?
3. How does national identity affect a state's foreign policy? Answer with reference to at least three cases.
4. Identify the key features of diasporas which can lead to instability in international relations.
5. Describe the evolution of international norms as they pertain to nationalism and ethnicity, with reference to key principles.
6. 'Globalisation strengthens the nation-state'. Discuss.
7. 'Recently, Europeanisation has suffered a decline in public popularity and support from the member states'. Discuss.
8. Is individualism leading to the demise of ethnicity in the advanced industrial West?
9. 'Political Islam is a form of anti-nationalism'. Discuss.
10. How might demographic change lead to ethnic conflict?
11. Discuss whether religious fertility is triumphing over secularisation, with reference to at least two regions of the world.
12. 'Ethnic diversity within a nation leads to ethnic conflict, poverty and inequality'. Discuss.
13. Is nationalism good or bad?