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1. How have the size, shape and functions of states changed over time, and why?
2. How did ethnic groups emerge? Answer with reference to at least two competing theories.
3. Either a):
Distinguish between at least three types of modernist theories of nationalism.
Or b):
How do ethnosymbolists explain the rise of ethnic groups and nations?
4. How successful have states been at nation-building?
5. Assess whether some states are more multiethnic than others and explain why.
6. Identify the key features of the ethnic route to nationhood.
7. How useful is the 'ethnic-civic' paradigm for categorising national identities?
8. Why are ethnic associations important in nationalism? Answer with reference to at least one example.
9. Either a):
What factors increase the likelihood that a group will seek to secede?
Or b):
What factors increase the likelihood of inter-ethnic violence?
10. 'Dominant ethnicity is becoming more important'. Discuss.
11. What explains the tenacity of the conflict in Israel/Palestine? Answer with reference to theories of nationalism.
12. 'Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things which are God's.' Does religion oppose nationalism as the quote suggests?