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There are **TWELVE** questions on this paper. You must answer **THREE** questions in total.

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1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of partition as a means of resolving ethnic conflict?
2. **EITHER (a):** Evaluate consociationalism as a means of resolving ethnic conflict.
OR (b): Was the Good Friday Agreement consociational? Do events since 1998 confirm the wisdom of that Agreement?
3. Compare multiculturalism as public policy and as ideology. Are there tensions between these two versions?
4. 'Samuel Huntington's analysis of ethnicity and nationalism seems to provide a remedy for some of the deficiencies of IR theory pointed out by constructivists.' Discuss.
5. Using examples, discuss the ways in which national identity affects foreign policy, and vice versa.
6. Giving examples, discuss the ways in which ethnic diasporas affect states' foreign policies.
7. Three cardinal principles of international law can conflict: the right to self-determination of peoples; national sovereignty; and individual human rights. Using examples, explain why these conflicts arise. In these cases, which principle won out?
8. Which factors facilitate and which factors slow the development of a European identity capable of replacing national identity as the basis of legitimate government?
9. Can the rise of political Islamism be explained using theories of nationalism? Which theory, if any, is the most persuasive?
10. Will the low birth rate of secular-liberals cause violent ethnic conflict to increase, whether in Western societies or in the international arena?
11. What evidence is there that rising ethnic diversity reduces solidarity? Answer with reference to at least one quantitative study.
12. What is the liberal-nationalist critique of cosmopolitanism? Is liberal-nationalism compatible with liberty and equality?

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