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END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

BIS 2103 NATIONS AND NATIONALISM

DATE: 12th March 2026 **TIME: 08:30 – 10:30**

Instructions

1. This examination consists of **FIVE** questions.
2. Answer **Question ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions.

Question 1

1a) Distinguish between civic and ethnic nationalism (5 marks)

1b) Explain three positive and negative effects of 19th century nationalism (10 marks)

1c) Citing relevant examples, explain how the rise of globalisation has diminished the importance of nationalism (15 marks)

Question 2

a) Explain two characteristics of African Nationalism (5 marks)

b) "In Africa, contrary to a common view in Western scholarship of Africa, nationalism predates colonialism". Discuss three examples in support of this argument (10 marks)

Question 3

Citing two relevant examples, discuss the resurgence of nationalism in contemporary world politics (15 marks)

Question 4

Explain the importance of World War I and II and Pan Africanism in the rise of African nationalism (15 marks)

Question 5

a) Distinguish between 'secession' and 'irredentism' (5 marks)

b) Discuss two causes of African irredentism (10 marks)