

Nationalism: Activities

Essay Questions (A01, A02, A03)

Construct full essays discussing the questions below.

1	' Nationalism is a modern phenomenon. ' Discuss.
2	Bearing in mind the historical context, should nationalism be interpreted as a positive or negative phenomenon?
3	' Each form of nationalism - whether conservative, socialist or liberal in nature - requires us to differentiate between those 'who belong' and those 'who do not belong'. ' Discuss.
4	Critically evaluate the custom of differentiating between civic and ethnic forms of nationalism.
5	To what extent is it appropriate to interpret Welsh nationalism as a form of nationalism that has always leant towards the left?
6	In the age of globalisation, is nationalism still such a relevant force?

In preparing to draw up your essays, think carefully about the following points:

- i) Before starting to write, ensure that you have understood what the question is asking you to discuss. The best essays are those with clear focus and that only discuss material relevant to answer the question.
- ii) Take your time to carefully plan your essay. Consider which different points you believe need discussing and think carefully about the order in which these points should be discussed. This will ensure that your essay has a clear structure and therefore avoids unfortunate features such as repetition.
- iii) It is important that your essay presents relevant information, but you should also attempt to ensure that your essay is more than merely a descriptive piece. Each of the above essay questions requires you to discuss and analyse (note the use of terms such as 'evaluate' or 'to what extent'). As a result, your essay needs to weigh up different perspectives and arguments, as well as present information about them.
- iv) It is also important that your essay develops a clear argument in response to the question. Note that all questions above require you in some way to develop a specific perspective. The best essays will gradually develop this argument or perspective during the work, not wait to announce it succinctly in the closing paragraph.