20-1 Exploring Nationalism — OLC Assessment Materials

Chapter 1: Nation and Identity

Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

- 1. Artist Joyce Wieland created the quilt entitled *Confedspread* for what Canadian event?
- a. Expo 67, the 100th anniversary of Confederation
- b. Canada Day festivities 1982, to celebrate the signing of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- c. The 50th anniversary of the Person's Case
- d. The 50th anniversary of Canada joining the United Nations
- 2. "Every nation has a creation story to tell." With these words, Prime Minister Stephen Harper rededicated the following memorial:
- a. The UN peacekeeping monument in Ottawa
- b. The miner's monument in Kirkland Lake, Ontario
- c. The peace tower in Ottawa
- d. The Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France
- 3. What is a common synonym for "nation-state"?
- a. Empire
- b. Country
- c. Territory
- d. Region
- 4. How did Benedict Anderson, an Irish specialist in international issues, describe the concept of "nation?"
- a. A nation is an imagined political community
- b. A nation exists when it desires self-government
- c. A nation expresses the soul of a community
- d. A nation exists whenever people have shared values
- 5. What is meant by the term "international?"
- a. An issue that pertains to a particular community
- b. Something that can be supported by international law
- c. Between countries or nation-states
- d. Nations that are self-governing
- 6. Who can become a member of the United Nations?
- a. Any country with a democratic government
- b. Any country
- c. Any country or self-governing nation
- d. Any country or self-governing nation with a democratically elected government

- 7. "Nationalism" can be defined as
- a. being born within a particular nation-state.
- b. striving for a country.
- c. being a citizen or landed immigrant of a country.
- d. obeying the laws of a nation-state.
- 8. The term "patriotism" refers to
- a. being willing to die for one's country.
- b. abiding by the laws of a country.
- c. becoming politically active for a country.
- d. love of one's country.
- 9. Historically, the most common name in Québec was Tremblay. As more Francophone immigrants move to Quebec, statisticians predict the most common last name in Québec may soon be what?
- a. Singh
- b. Chin
- c. Cardoza
- d. Nguyen
- 10. The term "ethnic" could best be described in what way?
- a. As sharing a similar history
- b. As coming from the same geographic region
- c. As a combination of national and linguistic ties
- d. As a combination of racial, cultural, or linguistic characteristics
- 11. Which of the following nations or nation-states has been greatly influenced and shaped by geography?
- a. Canada
- b. The United States
- c. Tibet
- d. India
- 12. Jews, Christians, and Muslims are tied to the city of Jerusalem because of their
- a. spiritual understandings of nationalism.
- b. ethnic understandings of nationalism.
- c. linguistic understandings of nationalism.
- d. geographic understandings of nationalism.
- 13. The concept "self-determination" refers to
- a. attaining the legal age to vote.
- b. the power to control one's own affairs.
- c. the decision to abstain from voting.
- d. the political authority to control one's own affairs.

- 14. The concept "sovereignty" refers to
- a. attaining the legal age to vote.
- b. the power to control one's own affairs.
- c. the decision to abstain from voting.
- d. the political authority to control one's own affairs.
- 15. When people, no matter what their ethnicity, culture, and language, agree to live according to particular values and beliefs expressed as laws, they have created a
- a. civic nation.
- b. democratic nation.
- c. independent nation.
- d. sovereign nation.
- 16. "Ethnic nationalism" is founded on
- a. a common history.
- b. shared events within a geographic region.
- c. shared religion and spiritual beliefs.
- d. shared ethnicity, culture, and language.
- 17. The Turkish people held Mustafa Kemal in high esteem so they called him Atatürk. What does Atatürk mean?
- a. Ruler
- b. Father
- c. Divine
- d. Hero
- 18. What do Mike Myers, Samantha Bee, and Seth Rogen all have in common?
- a. They are comedians
- b. They are former entertainers who became politicians
- c. They are Americans who took up Canadian citizenship
- d. They have written scholarly articles on nationalism
- 19. What Canadian woman played intramural hockey for McGill University and later started a women's intramural hockey league at Harvard University in the United States?
- a. Hayley Wickenheiser
- b. Silken Laumann
- c. Catriona Le May Doan
- d. Sheema Khan
- 20. What action did American writer James Baldwin believe was an important part of patriotism?
- a. Defending one's nation
- b. Criticizing one's nation
- c. Getting involved in public service
- d. Working to improve public education

Part 2: Short Answer Questions

Each of the following questions is designed to be worth three marks.

- 1. What is the difference between "nation" and "nation-state?" Include three differences in your response.
- 2. Explain what is meant by nation as a collective concept.
- 3. Why did Prime Minister Stephen Harper create a sensation when he declared that "the Québécois form a nation within a united Canada"?
- 4. Explain how a common language can sometimes inspire a feeling of nation. In your answer, provide one example of where this occurs.
- 5. How has the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms contributed to Canada's sense of "nation?"
- 6. Outline the important components of a "civic nation."
- 7. Explain how Mustafa Kemal turned Turkey into a civic nation.
- 8. Outline one aspect of your individual, collective, and national identity. Include a specific example for each.
- 9. Explain how national myths contribute to national identity.

Part 3: Essay Questions

Although the length of the answer required by an essay question can vary, remember that all answers to essay questions should have an introduction, a middle, and a conclusion. The essay questions on this test will be marked out of ten.

Choose one of the following:

- 1. To what extent is there a link between nation and identity?
- 2. Why do people have various understandings of nation?
- 3. Is Canada a nation or merely a nation-state?