

International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad
(Deemed to be University)

Theories and Practices of Nationalism (HS3.303)

Mid Sem Exams

Max. Time: 90 mins

Max. Marks: 60

20 Sept 2023

Answer any **three** questions, all questions are of 20 marks each

Question 1: Based on the ideas of Benedict Anderson's book *Imagined Communities*, how can we argue that India is one nation even though it has different languages and states. (CO1; CO2; CO5)

Question 2: What role does education play in Ernest Gellner's theory of the rise of Nationalism? (CO2; CO3)

Question 3: How are nations like communities? Is there is a difference between the communities which are formed by civic and ethnic nationalisms? (CO2; CO4)

Question 4: Why does Ernest Gellner call nationalism "fragile"? Do you agree with him or not? Explain. (CO3; CO5)

Question 5: Place in descending order the three paradoxes of nationalism highlighted by Benedict Anderson, based on how well he manages to explain them in his book. (CO2; CO3; CO5)