

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Wednesday 31 MAY 2006

9 to 12

Paper 7

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Answer **three** questions only.

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering an either/or question, indicate the letter as well.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

20 Page Answer Book x 1

Rough Work Pad

**You may not start to read the questions
printed on the subsequent pages of this
question paper until instructed that you
may do so by the Invigilator**

- 1 **Either** (*a*) Should we value democracy only for its results?
 Or (*b*) ‘Democracy is the tyranny of the majority’. Discuss.
- 2 How successful is Locke’s reliance upon tacit consent in his justification of political obligation?
- 3 What, if anything, is wrong with positive discrimination?
- 4 **Either** (*a*) What is the relationship between liberty and security?
 Or (*b*) Should we be interested in positive liberty or negative liberty?
- 5 What, if anything, should the state do to protect individual autonomy?
- 6 ‘Since the recognition of authority is in conflict with respect for autonomy, there is no moral justification for the state’. Discuss.
- 7 **Either** (*a*) Should we mitigate the unequal effects of luck when it comes to distributing resources?
 Or (*b*) ‘Equality is only instrumentally valuable’. Discuss.
- 8 What is the paradox of democracy? How, if at all, can it be solved?
- 9 What sort of state, if any, does Nozick succeed in justifying?
- 10 What is the most suitable currency of egalitarian justice?

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