

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Thursday 27 May 2004

1.30 to 4.30

Paper 7

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Answer **three** questions only.

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

**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 How, if at all, can equality and efficiency be reconciled?
- 2 What is the principle of fair play, and in what way, if any, can it ground a justification of political obligation?
- 3 **Either** (a) What is prioritarianism, and in what way, if any, is it more defensible than egalitarianism?
Or (b) Is the view that 'justice requires that individuals be given enough' a cogent alternative to egalitarianism?
- 4 Do states have a right to tax their members?
- 5 Discuss Locke's claim that the 'Law of Nature' is 'as intelligible and plain to a rational Creature, and a Studier of the Law, as the positive Laws of Commonwealth'. (LOCKE)
- 6 Is a hypothetical contract a contract?
- 7 Is state paternalism ever justified?
- 8 Should we equalise individuals' resources or their capabilities?
- 9 Is political equality what gives democracy its value?
- 10 Is deliberative democracy superior to other forms of democracy?

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