PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS     Part IB

Thursday 31 May 2007     13.30 to 16.30

Paper 7

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Answer three questions only.

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering 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
Either (a) Why should I obey a law that I do not agree with?

Or (b) Is political obligation compatible with individual freedom?

'If a man expresses a choice for A and the majority expresses a choice for not-A, then the man, if he is a sound democrat, seems to be committed to the belief that A ought to be the case and to the belief that not-A ought to be the case.' Is there a way out for the democrat?

What form of democracy best reflects what makes democracy valuable?

Either (a) What, if anything, is valuable about equality?

Or (b) What are the best arguments for positive discrimination?

Are economic incentives compatible with egalitarian justice?

Is liberty more important than equality?

Either (a) Does the state have any obligation to promote the autonomy of its citizens?

Or (b) How many concepts of liberty are there?

Does Locke give a convincing account of the social contract?

What is the best argument against democracy?

Does equality require treating everybody the same?

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