

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Friday 30 May 2008

09.00 to 12.00

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 Does any form of social contract theory work?
- 2 Is any form of anarchism defensible?
- 3 Could a democracy democratically decide not to be a democracy?
- 4 **Either** (a) What is the relationship between democracy and equality?
Or (b) What is the relationship between democracy and liberty?
- 5 Is it better to prioritise the worst off than to aim for equality?
- 6 **Either** (a) Which account of distributive equality deals best with the problem of expensive tastes?
Or (b) How should an egalitarian respond to inequalities in luck?
- 7 **Either** (a) Is negative liberty a coherent concept?
Or (b) What is the problem with coercion?
- 8 **Either** (a) How free should people be?
Or (b) Is autonomy valuable?
- 9 Can natural rights and duties explain political obligation?
- 10 'Deliberative democracy is unworkable.' Discuss.

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