PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS     Part IB

Thursday  27  May  2010       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
As a democrat, should I change my mind if I am out-voted?

Either  (a)  'The Levelling-Down Objection is a fatal blow against equality.' Discuss.

Or  (b)  Is non-comparative egalitarianism superior to its comparative counterpart?

Can the principle of fair play ground political obligation?

Should egalitarians support affirmative action?

Do health and safety laws curtail my freedom?

'Democracy has no intrinsic value.' Discuss.

Should we compensate people for expensive tastes?

Either  (a)  Can social contract theories explain why we must obey the state?

Or  (b)  Do we have a right to rebel against legitimate authority?

'The just state must be consigned to the category of the round square and the married bachelor.' Discuss.

Either  (a)  Can something we consent to make us unfree?

Or  (b)  Is negative liberty just about what opportunities we have?