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.

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Is Nozick right that the only kind of state that can be justified is the minimal state?

Either (a) Do citizens of liberal democratic states have a natural duty to obey the law?

Or (b) 'I have not explicitly consented to the authority of the state, therefore I have no duty to obey the law.' Discuss.

Either (a) In which ways, if any, is justice as fairness an egalitarian theory?

Or (b) Is Rawls' difference principle preferable to a strict equality principle?

'Securing and maintaining equality requires violating the rights of self-ownership.' Discuss.

'A distributional scheme treats people as equals when it distributes or transfers resources among them until no further transfer would leave them more equal in welfare.' Discuss.

'According to egalitarians, it would be better if we removed the eyes of the sighted, not to give them to the blind, but simply to make everyone equally blind.' Discuss.

Either (a) Is there more to liberty than the absence of interference?

Or (b) 'Positive liberty is a dangerous political ideal, we should therefore reject it.' Discuss.

Can freedom have value independently of the value we attach to the specific things we are free to do?

Either (a) 'Democracy is one of the worst forms of government for acquiring knowledge about what to do in a society.' Discuss.

Or (b) What is the most serious problem for deliberative democracy?

In order to be a democrat, do you always have to approve of the majority's decision?