PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Friday 31st May 2013 09.00 – 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. Should notions of liberty be limited to non-interference?
2. What is the value of freedom?
3. What is the most appropriate model of autonomy?
4. If we are egalitarians, what sort of equality should we aim for?
5. EITHER: a) Does ‘levelling down’ pose a problem for egalitarians?
   OR: b) ‘According to Rawls’ difference principle, interpersonal differences in talents are appropriate bases for redistribution. Therefore Mozart should have compensated Salieri for his inferior musical talents.’ Discuss.
6. Could a hypothetical contract generate an obligation to obey the state?
7. EITHER: a) Is anarchism a plausible political philosophy?
   OR: b) What is Nozick’s argument for the evolution of a just ultra-minimal state? Is it sound?
8. ‘Democracy is good only in so far as it leads to good outcomes.’ Discuss.
9. What is the importance of deliberation in democratic decision-making?
10. Is the ‘paradox of democracy’ really a paradox?

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