

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB**

**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR PART II OF THE PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS**

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Friday 28 May 1999

1.30 to 4.30

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Paper 7

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

*Answer **three** questions only.*

- 1 'Citizens who receive benefits from the state are obliged to obey it.' Is this an adequate account of the basis of political obligation?
- 2 Are there any good reasons for political philosophers to be interested in anarchism?
- 3 'Rawls' veil of ignorance conceals information which is essential to the formulation of principles of justice.' Discuss.
- 4 'Citizens have a right to control their property.' 'The state has a right to tax citizens.' Can these claims be reconciled?
- 5 Do you own yourself?
- 6 'There is nothing unjust about positive discrimination.' Discuss.
- 7 Does lack of security undermine liberty?
- 8 In what sense is political obligation grounded in consent for Locke?
- 9 Why does Hobbes believe that absolute sovereignty is necessary to achieve peace?
- 10 'A hypothetical contract is not simply a pale form of contract; it is no contract at all.' Discuss.