

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Thursday 30 May 2002

9 to 12

Paper 6

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

*Answer **three** questions only.*

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer.

**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 How important is it, for the use of social contract as a basis for the justification of political arrangements, that the contract is actual rather than hypothetical?
- 2 Discuss Locke's claim that in the state of nature 'every man hath a right to punish the offender, and be executioner of the law of nature'.
- 3 Explain and critically assess Hobbes' justification of the 'Leviathan or Commonwealth'.
- 4 Does the assumption that there are natural rights entail anarchism?
- 5 'A justification of the state is a justification of public rather than private judgement. Hence any justification which succeeds must show that there is no room for private judgement. Hence any successful justification of the state is a justification of an absolute state.' Discuss.
- 6 'The value of equality is purely instrumental.' Discuss.
- 7 Is equality of resources more appealing than equality of welfare?
- 8 Is there anything wrong with negative liberty?
- 9 Does all coercive interference undermine personal autonomy?
- 10 Is liberty necessarily incompatible with equality?

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