

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

WEDNESDAY 30 May 2018

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. 'Only deliberative democracy produces rational public policy. So deliberative democracy is the best form of government.' Should we accept this argument?
2. Is the problem with direct democracy that it's just not feasible?
3. Should democratic voting procedures select winners by lottery or by majority rule?
4. EITHER (a) Is leaving 'enough, and as good' for others sufficient to make you the owner of an object?

OR (b) Do you own your eyes?
5. Does social justice require that distributive shares not be influenced by morally arbitrary factors?
6. 'It is unjust that millionaires are dramatically better off than non-millionaires, but not that billionaires are dramatically better off than millionaires.' Is it?
7. 'Liberty upsets patterns. Therefore we should reject patterned principles of justice.' Is this a good argument?
8. EITHER (a) Can we be forced to be free?

OR (b) Do we lose liberty or gain it when we leave the state of nature?
9. 'Absence of freedom is due to the closing of doors or the failure to open them.' Is this metaphor apt?
10. Is the slave of a benign master unfree?

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