

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Tuesday 30 May 2017

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**

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1. EITHER (a) How should democrats respond when democracies make bad decisions?

OR (b) Should all countries be democratic?

2. Are deliberative conceptions of democracy objectionably utopian?

3. 'Democratic government is government by majority rule.' Discuss.

4. Is there anything more to equality than the distribution of resources?

5. EITHER (a) 'All theories of equality agree that we should identify the worst off and take appropriate steps to improve their position.' Discuss.

OR (b) 'Social and economic inequalities are to be arranged so that they are...to the greatest benefit of the least advantaged' (RAWLS). Discuss.

6. Can self-ownership be compatible with equality?

7. Does labouring on an object give you ownership rights over it?

8. EITHER (a) 'One believes himself the others' master, and yet is more a slave than they' (ROUSSEAU). Discuss.

OR (b) 'Liberty, or freedom, signifieth properly the absence of opposition' (HOBBS). Discuss.

9. 'To lack the money to pay for something might be unfortunate, but it is not unfreedom.' Discuss.

10. Can there be 'internal' constraints on freedom?

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