

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II**

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Tuesday 25 May 1999

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Paper 10

**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

*Answer **three** questions only.*

- 1 Am I bound to accept the results of elections which I agree are fair and democratic, even if my preferred candidate does not win? If so, why?
- 2 Does any version of utilitarianism remain tenable if it is impossible to compare individuals' levels of welfare?
- 3 Is there a defensible interpretation of the claim that the level of development of the forces of production explains the nature of a set of social relations of production?
- 4 'Whatever else capitalism may be for Marx, it does not seem that it is unjust.' Discuss.
- 5 If the political regime under which I live never interferes with my private life, do I have all the liberty to which I can reasonably aspire?
- 6 Are there good grounds on which a modern state may require its young people to attend school?
- 7 Can punishment be justified solely with reference to its beneficial consequences?
- 8 'The state has a duty to protect the cultures of communities living within its boundaries.' Do you agree?
- 9 'Representative democracy is more democratic than direct democracy.' Under what interpretation of democracy might this be true?
- 10 Is mercy incompatible with the rule of law?