PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS  Part II

Monday 4 June 2007  09.00 to 12.00

Paper 10

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
Either (a) What is Rawls's move to political liberalism? Is it a move in the right or the wrong direction?

Or (b) Can one build a theory of justice merely on an overlapping consensus, or must one also show it to be true?

Would the more advantaged have justifiable reasons to complain, if we adopted the difference principle?

Either (a) 'Things come into the world already attached to people with entitlements over them' (NOZICK). How successful is Nozick in defending this claim?

Or (b) Is Nozick right that liberty upsets patterns?

'The main objections against commodification implausibly assume that a non-market and a market version of the same good cannot coexist.' Discuss.

'We cannot harm people who do not yet exist.' Is this true and, if so, what relevance does it have for a theory of intergenerational justice?

Must liberals be cosmopolitans?

Either (a) Are cultural or religious groups ever entitled to an exemption from a law?

Or (b) 'Law must always rely on the shared values of the community.' Discuss.

'Justice must take account of care and family.' Discuss.

Either (a) Critically assess the relation between sexual harassment and sex discrimination.

Or (b) 'The prevalence of violence towards women shows that the liberal conception of freedom is a failure.' Discuss.

Does Marx think that capitalist exploitation is unjust? Do you?

Critically discuss historical materialism.

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