

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**

- 1 **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?
- 2 Would the more advantaged have justifiable reasons to complain, if we adopted the difference principle?
- 3 **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?
- 4 'The main objections against commodification implausibly assume that a non-market and a market version of the same good cannot coexist.' Discuss.
- 5 '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?
- 6 Must liberals be cosmopolitans?
- 7 **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.
- 8 'Justice must take account of care and family.' Discuss.
- 9 **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.
- 10 Does Marx think that capitalist exploitation is unjust? Do you?
- 11 Critically discuss historical materialism.

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