PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS      Part II

Monday 26 May 2008        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 'Theories of global justice are either utopian or unambitious.' Discuss.

2 Either (a) What are the weaknesses of Rawls' difference principle?
   Can they be overcome?

   Or (b) Is Rawls' method circular?

3 How convincing is Nozick's argument that redistributive taxation is like slavery?

4 'The state must not favour any comprehensive doctrines and their associated conception of the good' (RAWLS). Discuss.

5 Do groups have rights?

6 Either (a) 'Liberal theories of justice can ensure gender equality; there is no need for feminism.' Discuss.

   Or (b) 'An ethic of care is both distinctive and desirable.' Discuss.

7 Should the principle of free speech require that pornography must be unregulated?

8 Would society be more just if men could bear children?

9 What is wrong with alienation?

10 Either (a) 'The ideas of the ruling class are in every epoch the ruling ideas' (MARX). Discuss.

   Or (b) 'The ruling ideas are nothing more than the ideal expression of the dominant material relationships' (MARX). Discuss.

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