PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Thursday 6 June 2019 09.00 – 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. Is there a good argument for the right to exclude would-be immigrants?

2. Who should bear the burdens of preventing catastrophic climate change?

3. Is rape a political issue?

4. ‘The only plausible feminisms are intersectional feminisms.’ Discuss.

5. EITHER: (a) Which should be of greater concern to feminists: gendered divisions of labour, or gendered norms of appearance?
   
   OR: (b) Which should be of greater concern to feminists: the exploitation of women’s bodies, or the silencing of women’s voices?

6. If minority groups refuse to send their children to school, should the state force them to?

7. EITHER: (a) ‘To know what justice demands, we should examine the concrete realities of existing social practices, not the abstract fantasies sketched behind some “veil of ignorance”.’ Discuss.
   
   OR: (b) Should we be ideal theorists?

8. ‘The Marxist theory of alienation might have been relevant to Victorian factory work, but it has no relevance to contemporary capitalism.’ Discuss.

9. Do Marxists have a plausible explanation of why workers fail to revolt against capitalism?

10. ‘Power, not justice, should lie at the centre of our political theory.’ Discuss?

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