PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS     Part II

Monday 29 May 2017          13.30 – 16.30

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) ‘One can say that pornography is a causal factor in violations of women; one can also say that women will be violated so long as pornography exists; but one can also say simply that pornography violates women.’ Discuss.

OR: (b) ‘At stake in constructing pornography as speech is gaining protection for doing what pornography does: subordinating women through sex.’ Discuss.

2. EITHER: (a) What is the political significance of the family?

OR: (b) What is the political significance of the gendered body?

3. ‘Communitarians cannot deal adequately with multiculturalism but liberals can.’ Discuss.

4. Does freedom require state neutrality?

5. Is liberalism too atomistic?

6. EITHER: (a) ‘From this day forward it’s going to be only America first.’ How should a moral cosmopolitan respond?

OR: (b) Was Rawls right about the international implications of his theory of justice?

7. Should states open their borders?

8. EITHER: (a) Should political philosophy be ideal theory?

OR: (b) If we start by assuming moral consensus, do we forfeit any claim to be doing political theory?

9. EITHER: (a) Is there anything that shouldn’t be commodified?

OR: (b) Can capitalists be alienated?

10. ‘The Marxist notion of ideology as “false consciousness” is incoherent.’ Discuss.

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