

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS, PART IB

Tuesday 26 May 2022

11am-4pm

Paper 7

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Answer **three** questions only.

*Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer.
If you are answering the either/or question, indicate the letter as well.*

*For each question do not write more than **2000** words.*

1. 'The people's claim to rule does not rest upon their knowledge of truth... The claim is most persuasively put, it seems to me, not in terms of what the people know but in terms of who they are. They are the subjects of the law, and if the law is to bind them as free men and women, they must also be its makers.' Do you agree?
2. In a representative democracy, what should representatives represent?
3. 'The people cannot decide until someone decides who are the people.' Discuss.
4. EITHER: (a) What, if anything, is wrong with aiming for equality of welfare?

OR: (b) Should we be relational egalitarians?
5. 'Rawls's difference principle is profoundly inegalitarian. Therefore it should be rejected.' Do you agree?
6. 'Liberty of the Subject is consistent with the unlimited power of the Sovereign.' Discuss.
7. 'What matters for civic liberty is not who makes the laws, but simply how many laws are made, and thus how many of your actions are in fact constrained.' Discuss.
8. Does lack of private property limit personal freedom?
9. Is the concept of self-ownership egalitarianism's friend or foe?
10. Does distributive egalitarianism illegitimately interfere with individual liberty?

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