

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES TRIPOS, Part 1B

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Wednesday 7 June 2023

13.30–16.30

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Paper PHIL 7

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. 'In a democracy, representatives should resemble the governed as closely as possible.' Discuss.
2. EITHER: (a) To be a committed democrat, must one believe in the wisdom of the multitude?  
  
OR: (b) Is there any democratic solution to the problem of permanent minorities?
3. EITHER: (a) When, if ever, is the law liberty-enhancing?  
  
OR: (b) 'It is not the absence of a state but rather the state itself that is the greatest threat to the liberty of the individual.' Do you agree?
4. Are you free to take a train journey if you cannot afford a ticket?
5. Does true freedom come from within?
6. If a free person is one who does not live under the arbitrary will or domination of others, what counts as 'arbitrary'?
7. 'The statement "all people are equal" is either false or trivial.' Discuss.
8. Would anyone have a legitimate complaint if Rawls's difference principle were enacted?
9. Is it unjust if workers ultimately receive less than the value of their labour?
10. 'The correct question to ask is not "equality of what" but "equality between whom".' Discuss.

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