

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB**

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Tuesday 31 May 2005

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Paper 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 Can Nozick coherently claim that we may force his 'independents' to join the state providing that we compensate them? Does he actually claim this? Can he produce a good argument for the state without doing so?
- 2 Can political obligation be based on a social contract?
- 3 Does justice require equality of resources?
- 4 **Either** (a) Can someone in the minority coherently believe that the majority will ought to be enacted?  
**Or** (b) Is the possibility of voting an essential part of democratic decision making?
- 5 Can democracy be justified?
- 6 'With states we have more justice than without them; hence our reasons for having, and obeying, states follow from our duty to uphold and promote justice.' Discuss.
- 7 **Either** (a) 'The only valid objections against inequality are that it is instrumentally bad.' Discuss.  
**Or** (b) What is the 'levelling down objection', and what are its consequences for the formulation of a defensible ideal of equality?
- 8 Is equality more important than freedom?
- 9 **Either** (a) 'Negative freedom is valuable only because it is necessary for positive freedom.' Discuss.  
**Or** (b) Can it ever be legitimate for the state to coerce me for my own good?
- 10 Is the value of democracy only instrumental?

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