

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Monday 2 June 2003

9 to 12

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.

**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 Critically discuss Hobbes' use of the concepts of 'state of nature' and 'law of nature'.
- 2 Does Locke manage to justify political authority?
- 3 What is the most defensible currency of egalitarian justice?
- 4 Outline and discuss the distinction between positive and negative freedom and its relevance in examining the value of freedom.
- 5 **Either** (a) What role, if any, can hypothetical contracts play in formulating principles of justice?
Or (b) Why does Rawls think that a veil of ignorance is needed in order to establish what is just? Is he correct?
- 6 Can egalitarians view incentives as just?
- 7 'The levelling-down objection to egalitarianism pushes us towards either priority or sufficiency as the right conception of justice.' Discuss.
- 8 What conditions are required for an agent to be autonomous?
- 9 'Since there is no cogent account of political obligation, we must conclude that states are necessarily immoral.' Discuss.
- 10 What is the difference between power and authority?

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