

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Thursday 31 May 2007

13.30 to 16.30

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 **Either** (a) Why should I obey a law that I do not agree with?
Or (b) Is political obligation compatible with individual freedom?
- 2 'If a man expresses a choice for A and the majority expresses a choice for not-A, then the man, if he is a sound democrat, seems to be committed to the belief that A ought to be the case *and* to the belief that not-A ought to be the case.' Is there a way out for the democrat?
- 3 What form of democracy best reflects what makes democracy valuable?
- 4 **Either** (a) What, if anything, is valuable about equality?
Or (b) What are the best arguments for positive discrimination?
- 5 Are economic incentives compatible with egalitarian justice?
- 6 Is liberty more important than equality?
- 7 **Either** (a) Does the state have any obligation to promote the autonomy of its citizens?
Or (b) How many concepts of liberty are there?
- 8 Does Locke give a convincing account of the social contract?
- 9 What is the best argument against democracy?
- 10 Does equality require treating everybody the same?

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