

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB**

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Thursday 27 May 2010

09.00 to 12.00

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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 As a democrat, should I change my mind if I am out-voted?
- 2 **Either** (a) 'The Levelling-Down Objection is a fatal blow against equality.' Discuss.  
**Or** (b) Is non-comparative egalitarianism superior to its comparative counterpart?
- 3 Can the principle of fair play ground political obligation?
- 4 Should egalitarians support affirmative action?
- 5 Do health and safety laws curtail my freedom?
- 6 'Democracy has no intrinsic value.' Discuss.
- 7 Should we compensate people for expensive tastes?
- 8 **Either** (a) Can social contract theories explain why we must obey the state?  
**Or** (b) Do we have a right to rebel against legitimate authority?
- 9 'The just state must be consigned to the category of the round square and the married bachelor.' Discuss.
- 10 **Either** (a) Can something we consent to make us unfree?  
**Or** (b) Is negative liberty just about what opportunities we have?

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