

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Tuesday 31 May 2011

09.00 to 12.00

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) Is there a defensible form of philosophical anarchism?
 Or (b) What is the 'problem of political obligation' and how important is it that we are able to solve it?
- 2 Can the argument from tacit consent provide a successful justification of political obligation?
- 3 **Either** (a) What is the relation between democracy and autonomy?
 Or (b) Can democracy be defended on epistemic grounds?
- 4 **Either** (a) Is there a paradox of democracy?
 Or (b) What is the best version of democracy?
- 5 'Equality has no intrinsic value.' Discuss.
- 6 How can egalitarians uphold personal responsibility?
- 7 **Either** (a) Does the moral arbitrariness of natural endowments justify the difference principle?
 Or (b) Is the difference principle egalitarian enough?
- 8 'Distributive equality is not a requirement of justice.' Discuss.
- 9 'An individual is unfree if and only if his doing of any action is rendered impossible by the action of another individual.' Discuss.
- 10 Why should we take liberty to be valuable?

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