

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR PART II OF THE PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS

Friday 2 June 2000

1.30 to 4.30

Paper 7

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Answer **three** questions only.

- 1 'A complex, coherent, co-ordinated community is possible only with the constant threat of state punishment.' Discuss.
- 2 What sense does it make for Hobbes to talk about what we *ought* to do in a completely amoral state of nature?
- 3 Explain and critically discuss Rawls' use of 'the veil of ignorance'.
- 4 Should a theory of property rights allow people to sell one of their kidneys?
- 5 Is social contract theory inimical to cultural diversity?
- 6 How deep is the distinction between positive and negative liberty?
- 7 Is it ever desirable or necessary to disobey a government's laws?
- 8 Is equality of resources preferable to equality of welfare?
- 9 How should a successful account of equality and difference accommodate the intersecting inequalities of race, culture and gender?
- 10 Can politics be rational?

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