

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Friday 29 May 2015

09.00 – 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) How should political philosophers understand power?

OR (b) 'A political philosophy with an adequate account of equality and justice does not require an account of power.' Discuss.
2. What relations of power exist between employer and employee?
3. 'In a democracy, votes must be justified.' Discuss.
4. 'Democracy is the best form of government on epistemic grounds.' Discuss.
5. Does paternalism undermine autonomy?
6. Does the value of freedom consist in the fact that it allows us to satisfy our desires?
7. 'Positive liberty is not a viable political ideal because it depends on a metaphysically extravagant conception of the self.' Discuss.
8. Does self-ownership undermine redistributive taxation?
9. 'Rawls's difference principle is either too egalitarian or not egalitarian enough.' Discuss.
10. EITHER (a) Is the point of equality to mitigate the effects of bad luck?

OR (b) Is the point of equality of opportunity to mitigate the effects of bad luck?

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