PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Wednesday 8 June 2005 9 to 12

Paper 10

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 Marx denies that capitalism is unjust. Does this mean that Marxists cannot evaluate capitalist societies critically?
- 2 Should I be legally prohibited from selling one of my bodily organs? If so, why?
- 3 Do future generations have rights?
- 4 Is Marx's criticism of anarchism convincing?
- 5 **Either** (*a*) How, if at all, can individuals legitimately acquire private property rights in previously un-owned resources?
 - **Or** (*b*) 'The libertarian defence of free market inequalities rests on an implausible principle of justice in transfer.' Discuss.
- 6 Do I have a stronger obligation to help compatriots than foreigners?
- 7 Is Marx's theory of history defensible?
- 8 **Either** (a) What are the best arguments John Rawls adduces for his two principles of justice?
 - **Or** (*b*) Assess John Rawls' defence of liberalism as political.
- 9 Are communitarianism and liberalism incompatible?
- 10 Do defences of pornography take seriously the contention that pornography harms women?

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