

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Monday 26 May 2008

09.00 to 12.00

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 'Theories of global justice are either utopian or unambitious.' Discuss.
- 2 **Either** (a) What are the weaknesses of Rawls' difference principle?
Can they be overcome?
- Or** (b) Is Rawls' method circular?
- 3 How convincing is Nozick's argument that redistributive taxation is like slavery?
- 4 'The state must not favour any comprehensive doctrines and their associated conception of the good' (RAWLS). Discuss.
- 5 Do groups have rights?
- 6 **Either** (a) 'Liberal theories of justice can ensure gender equality; there is no need for feminism.' Discuss.
- Or** (b) 'An ethic of care is both distinctive and desirable.' Discuss.
- 7 Should the principle of free speech require that pornography must be unregulated?
- 8 Would society be more just if men could bear children?
- 9 What is wrong with alienation?
- 10 **Either** (a) 'The ideas of the ruling class are in every epoch the ruling ideas' (MARX). Discuss.
- Or** (b) 'The ruling ideas are nothing more than the ideal expression of the dominant material relationships' (MARX). Discuss.

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