PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Friday 27 May 2016

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) Would democracy be the best system of government even if we could have philosopher-rulers instead?

OR (b) Must an egalitarian be a democrat?

- 2. In what sense, if any, is democracy paradoxical?
- 3. EITHER (a) Must democratic representatives resemble those they represent?

OR (b) Must democrats be deliberative democrats?

4. EITHER (a) In what sense, if any, do we own ourselves?

OR (b) How can anyone own an external resource?

- 5. 'The idea of equal social relations is too vague to resolve debates in political philosophy.' Discuss.
- 6. What does personal responsibility have to do with egalitarianism?
- 7. How should egalitarians deal with unequal natural endowments?
- 8. 'If A rightfully interferes with B, B's freedom is not thereby reduced.' Discuss.
- 9. Is there anything more to freedom than the absence of coercion?
- 10. In what sense, if any, does freedom involve obeying a law that one gives to oneself?

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