



CLASSICAL TRIPOS Part II  
Group B Philosophy

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Wednesday 6 June 2007 9 to 12

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Paper B2

ARISTOTLE'S MORAL AND POLITICAL THOUGHT

*Answer three questions.*

**Candidates who do not write legibly may find themselves at a grave disadvantage.**

**Irrelevance will be penalized.**

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

20 Page Booklet x 1

Rough Work Pad x 1

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

None

**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 Why and how does Aristotle conceive of ethics as a contribution to political philosophy?
- 2 Does Aristotle provide a satisfactory resolution to the 'choice of lives'?
- 3 How convincing are Aristotle's arguments for the centrality of rational activity in human happiness?
- 4 Is the doctrine of the mean a better contribution to theory than to practice?
- 5 Examine the roles of architectonic deliberation and judgment of the particular in Aristotle's theory of practical wisdom.
- 6 Why does a good person need friends?
- 7 Why do people need the *polis* in order for them to be self-sufficient (αὐτάρκεις)?
- 8 'The most important idea in the *Politics* is Aristotle's conception of citizenship.' Discuss.
- 9 Does Aristotle's account of political justice succeed in reconciling the competing claims to participation that he recognizes?
- 10 Why does Aristotle favour the different candidates for best constitution that he approves?
- 11 Assess Aristotle's arguments for and against democracy.
- 12 Do Aristotle's views on **either** slavery **or** economic activity represent much more than the ideology of a leisured aristocracy?

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