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PHILOSOPHY NEW REGULATIONS

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Answer THREE questions.

1. Is the original position the correct set of circumstances in which to choose principles of justice?
2. Is the lexical ordering of Rawls' principles of justice defensible?
3. EITHER (a) Does Equality of Opportunity for Welfare solve the problems faced by
Equality of Welfare?

OR (b) Evaluate the treatment of 'ambition' and 'endowment' in Dworkin's
equality of resources.
4. Can egalitarians answer the 'leveling down' objection?
5. Is the conception of rights as side-constraints consistent with a justification of rights
that is based on the value of autonomy?
6. If I mix my labour with unowned land do I come to own it? If not, how might I
come
to own it?
7. Can voluntary transactions result in injustice? Is Nozick's Wilt Chamberlain
example a helpful focus for arguing that issue?
8. Can a person have a right only if she has a corresponding capacity?
9. Evaluate the use to which Locke puts the concept of tacit consent.
10. Is there a paradox in democracy?

11. What is meant by 'political liberalism'? Can it be adequately distinguished from 'comprehensive liberalism'?

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12. What, in your view, is the best way of characterising the debate between liberalism and communitarianism? Which position is to be preferred?

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