

M.A. EXAMINATION 2003

for Internal Students

PHILOSOPHY**Political Philosophy**

Tuesday, 3 June: 10.00 - 1.00.

Answer THREE questions. Avoid overlap in your answers.

1. 'Rational agents in Rawls's Original Position would choose utilitarian principles of justice.' Discuss.
2. Does Nozick refute all 'patterned' theories of justice?
3. EITHER (a) What kinds of inequalities should egalitarians consider to be unjust?

OR (b) If everyone has enough to live a good life but there remain great inequalities, do those remaining inequalities matter?
4. Is there an adequate defence of private property rights?
5. EITHER (a) Is consent either a necessary or a sufficient condition of political obligation?

OR (b) Can an obligation to obey the law be grounded in the principle of fairness?
6. 'The laws of the dead have no more authority over the living than the laws of a foreign country.' Discuss.
7. Can a right to punish be grounded in a right of self-defence?
8. Does self-ownership entail economic inequality?
9. Does respect for autonomy require perfectionism or neutrality?
10. Does the state make people better off by furthering their true interests or their interests as they themselves perceive them?

11. Discuss the communitarian critique of the liberal notion of the self. Does the liberal have a good defence which can save the contractualist model?
12. Is the right prior to the good?

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