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MA Examination
for Internal Students

PHILOSOPHY

Political Philosophy

Tuesday 27 May 2008: 2.30 – 5.30pm

Candidates should answer **THREE** questions. Avoid overlap in your answers.

1. According to Locke, political power is the right to make laws, and to enforce such laws through punishment. Can political power, in this sense, be justified?
2. What is 'philosophical anarchism'? Is it a defensible position?
3. Explain and assess the deterrence theory of punishment.
4. Is there a 'paradox of democracy'?
5. How can democracy be defended?
6. Explain and assess the communitarian critique of liberal neutrality.
7. 'Rational individuals in Rawls' Original Position would choose utilitarian principles of justice.' Discuss.
8. Explain Rawls's concept of primary goods. Does Rawls have good reason for introducing primary goods into the theory of justice?
9. Does Nozick show how it is possible to come to form individual property rights?
10. How does Dworkin attempt to improve upon Rawls's theory of justice? How successful is he?
11. Are there good reasons for rejecting the theory of 'equality of welfare'?
12. 'It doesn't matter if people are unequal. What matters is that everyone has enough.' Discuss.

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