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MA Examination
for Internal Students

PHILOSOPHY

Political Philosophy

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

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1. Is there a genuine distinction between the fairness theory of political obligation and the theory of tacit consent?
2. 'For the truly autonomous person, there is no such thing as a command.'
Discuss.
3. How, if at all, is punishment to be defended?
4. Is democracy valuable?
5. Is there an important distinction between power and authority?
6. Does liberalism rely on an untenable theory of the self?
7. Is Rawls's use of the hypothetical contract acceptable?
8. Why does Rawls place his principles of justice in 'lexical order'? Does he have good reason to do so?
9. Does Nozick show that extensive duties of redistribution are an intolerable violation of liberty?
10. Does Dworkin show how an egalitarian theory can treat people with disabilities with justice?
11. Should distributive justice aim at equality, priority to the worst off, or sufficiency?
12. Is social equality to be preferred to distributional equality?

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