

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

M.Phil. EXAMINATION
for Internal Students

PHILOSOPHY

Political Philosophy

Wednesday, 10 May 2006: 10.00 – 13.00

Candidates should answer **THREE** of the following **ELEVEN** questions, avoiding overlap in their answers, also between papers.

1. 'It doesn't matter whether people have equal shares. What matters is that everyone has enough.' Discuss.
2. Explain Rawls's distinction between comprehensive liberalism and political liberalism. Is either of these an appealing interpretation of the liberal ideal?
3. Can there be 'group rights'?
4. How should the needs or claims of people with disabilities be assessed and met?
5. Are there justifiable limits to free speech?
6. 'The way to resolve cultural conflict is through dialogue.' Discuss.
7. What is the best way to ground a theory of property rights?
8. Should the proportion of women representatives in a legislative assembly reflect the proportion of women in the electorate?
9. Does the state have a right, or even a duty, to ensure that its citizens lead healthy lives?
10. 'Citizens are only free when they do not have to be coerced into obeying the law.' Discuss.
11. What kind of autonomy can the state guarantee? What kind should it guarantee?

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