

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

M.Phil. EXAMINATION
for Internal Students

PHILOSOPHY

Political Philosophy

Tuesday, 8 May 2007: 10.00 – 13.00

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

1. Do citizens of the countries in the developed world have duties of justice towards people living in poverty in less developed countries?
2. Dworkin argues that Sen's capability approach to distributive justice collapses into either a welfare-based theory or a resource-based theory. Is Dworkin correct?
3. Is 'the basic structure' the only 'subject of justice'?
4. What is the distinction between 'distributional equality' and 'social equality'? Is either the more accurate interpretation of the ideal of equality?
5. What is 'left libertarianism'? Can such a view be defended?
6. 'Even if a benign dictatorship is more capable than any form of democracy of providing individuals with well-being and a rich range of choices in their lives, it is still illegitimate.' Discuss.
7. Is liberal neutrality self-defeating?
8. Are there natural rights?
9. Is acknowledging that state institutions have authority over me thereby accepting that I act morally wrongly if I disobey them?
10. Is consent the source of political obligation?
11. How can it be argued that pornography silences women? Is this a good argument?

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