

Supervision Arrangements 0 : Part IB, Paper 7

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Venue

All supervisions will be held in P5b, Jesus College.

Timing

Please submit your weekly essay up to 24 hours before the supervision to me by email.

Content

While writing, try to be as clear and precise as possible. There is a number of good guides on philosophy essay writing online, for example here:

<http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/writing.html>

and here:

<http://spot.colorado.edu/~tooley/WritingEssays.html>

Length

Up to 2000 words.

Reading Lists

Reading lists for these supervisions are available on the website of the Philosophy Faculty. But note that *neither* the former lists, *nor* the one that follows, are *exhaustive* of relevant material students can use when preparing essays.

Some background readings:

Rawls, J. (1971), *A Theory of Justice*, Harvard.

Cohen, G.A. (2011), *On the Currency of Egalitarian Justice*, Princeton.

Miller, D. (2006, ed.), *The Liberty Reader*, Paradigm Press.

Individual Sessions

Friday 12th October, 16.00: Positive and negative liberty

Essay question: Does poverty reduce liberty?

Cohen (2011), 'Freedom and Money'.

Berlin, I., 'Two concepts of liberty', in Miller.

MacCallum, G., 'Negative and Positive Freedom', in Miller.

Waldron, J. (2008), 'Mr Morgan's Yacht', in *The Egalitarian Conscience: A Festschrift for G.A. Cohen*, Oxford.

Friday 19th October, 16:00: Minarchism

Essay question: What is Nozick's argument for the minimal state? Is it valid?

Nozick, R. (1974), *Anarchy, State and Utopia*, chapters 1-2, 4-5.

Wolff, J. (1991), *Robert Nozick: Property, Justice and the Minimal State*, chapter 3.

Friday 26th October, 16:00: Political Obligation

Essay question: Is there an obligation to obey the law?

Dagger, R. (2006), 'Political obligation', in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

Wolff, R.P. (1970), *In Defence of Anarchism*, chapters 1-3.

Wolff, J. (2006), *An Introduction to Political Philosophy*, chapter 2.

Friday 2nd November, 16.00: Democracy

Essay question: Outline Wollheim's paradox. Is it really a paradox?

Wollheim, R. (1962), 'A Paradox in the Theory of Democracy', in P. Laslett and W.G. Runciman (eds.), *Philosophy, Politics and Society*, 71-87.

Estlund, D. (1989), 'The Persistent Puzzle of the Minority Democrat', *American Philosophical Quarterly* 26, 143-51.

Weiss, D.D. (1973), 'Wollheim's paradox: survey and solution', *Political Theory* 1, 154-170.