

# Philosophy 349: Final Quiz

Spring 2005

Due: Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – 2pm -- in class

## Part One:

Evaluate the social contract theories of Hobbes and Locke. Which of these accounts do you find most convincing? You may also wish to suggest modifications to your chosen theory or, alternatively, describe other competing accounts of the formation of government which you find to be superior to that of Hobbes or Locke.

## Question Two:

[Note: be sure to read Chapter Nine (pp. 358-369; particularly 363-369)]

Natural law, Positivism, and Legal Realism as expressed by Holmes and others describe contrasting and sometimes, contradictory views of law's origins, purposes, motives and goals. Based upon class readings and discussions, choose which of these general positions appeals to you most favorably. Include in your answer, the philosopher(s) who best articulates this position and explain why. Where appropriate, cite relevant passages from the text. You should also discuss how "resilient" the position is to criticism - not only within its own time, but also within the objective context. What, if any modifications or clarifications would you make to the system of your choice and why?

### Guidelines

- Fully explain your answers
- Number your answers
- Reference the text
- Feel free to use any outside resource, including those listed on the course Web site.
- Be clear in your writing. Try to write your essay as if it will be read by a non-specialist who is not familiar with the course material.
- Be prepared to write one or more drafts before submitting the paper.
- Feel free to ask any questions or bring in a draft for review.
- Please retain a copy of you answers.
- Emails will not be accepted.
- Answers must be typed and stapled. Check your printer "ribbon" or cartridge before printing.

### Quiz Evaluation and Recommendations:

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| 40% Use of Course Material      | —— | Remember to refer to readings & notes  |
| 40% Comprehensiveness & Clarity | —— | Cover the entire topic which the question <u>reasonably</u> suggests, including strengths and weaknesses, criticisms, examples, hypotheticals and exceptions.                          |
| 20% Creativity & Originality    | —— | Give your opinion and reflections on the issues (after fulfilling the above-listed requirements). Suggest possible additional perspectives, based on your own experiences or readings. |