

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer one question from each of the following three groups. Please identify clearly each question answered, and avoid repetition between answers. Write out and sign (by number) the pledge on the first page of your answer sheets. Please attempt to write legibly, if you do not type. Use blue or black ink, and please skip lines.

I

1. Does democracy need philosophical foundations? Discuss with reference to at least two theorists in the liberal tradition.
2. Although J. S. Mill identifies himself as a utilitarian, one may ask if this assessment is accurate. Discuss, with careful attention to respects in which Mill should and should not be identified as a utilitarian.

II

3. Assess the communitarian critique of liberalism. In what ways is this an important and successful critique? In what ways do you believe it fails?
4. Feminists and other critics of liberal political theory call into question the private - public distinction. Discuss their criticisms and possible liberal responses. To what extent and in what respects do you believe the criticisms should cause us to rethink the distinction?

III

5. The enduring lesson of *The History of the Peloponnesian War* suggests that Thucydides is not a realist but a critic of realism. Discuss.
6. Prominent scholars maintain that struggles over the structure of authority in the Church in the late middle ages prefigured struggles over political power in emerging nation states. To what extent do you believe this assessment is accurate? Discuss.