

HSPS Interview Questions

1. What is freedom?
2. Should prisoners get a vote? What is the strongest argument for and against? What other groups of people are excluded from getting a vote and why is that?
3. How do you measure the success of a political voting system?
4. Should a political party define ideology, or should ideology define the party?
5. Are there always winners and losers in politics?
6. In a democracy, can the majority impose its will on the minority?
7. How would you bring a population out of poverty?
8. How would you eradicate gender inequalities in society?
9. What makes us human?
10. How important is social interaction in language acquisition?
11. What are your views on nature vs. nurture?
12. How would you explain human culture to an alien visiting earth?
13. Do you believe there is a tradeoff between privacy and security?
14. Should we limit the amount of time an elected leader can serve in office?
15. What, do you believe, is the greatest threat to free speech in Britain today?
16. Do you think the voting age should be lowered to 16? Why do you think we see lower numbers of young people voting compared to older generations?
17. Should religion have a role in the state?
18. How would you define freedom?
19. What makes someone a human?
20. Why should we have politicians running the country, rather than the CEO of Apple?
21. Do you think that social interaction is important to language acquisition?
22. Do you think it is good for a museum to be free?
23. Should obese people have free NHS treatment?
24. Does the welfare state trap people into poverty?
25. What can studying indigenous cultures teach us about modern society?
26. Is there essentially any difference between taxation and the state taking away one of your arms?
27. Why is there not a global government?
28. How do you measure the success of a political voting system?