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Date	Exams/ Assess	Unit(s)	
4/9/23	Core task – Exam Q’s PJO & SCO	<p><b>ETHICS</b></p> <p><b>Situation Ethics:-</b> Agape, six propositions, four working principles &amp; Conscience Is it helpful? Is it right to make judgements based on love? Is agape religious or just wanting wants best for people? Is it too individualistic/subjective?</p> <p><b>Natural Law:-</b> Telos, four tiers &amp; precepts. Is it helpful? Is it right to make judgements based on Telos Does human nature have an orientation towards the good?</p>	<p><b>PHILOSOPHY</b></p> <p><b>Ancient philosophical influences:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Plato-                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understanding of reality</li> <li>• the Forms</li> <li>• the analogy of the cave</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Aristotle-                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understanding of reality</li> <li>• the four causes</li> <li>• the Prime Mover</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Comparison and evaluation of Plato’s Form of the Good and Aristotle’s Prime Mover.</li> <li>➤ Comparison and evaluation of Plato’s reliance on reason (rationalism) and Aristotle’s use of the senses (empiricism) in their attempts to make sense of reality.</li> </ul>
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30/10/23		<p>Does the doctrine of double effect justify any act?</p> <p><b>Euthanasia:-</b> Sanctity of life, quality of life, voluntary and non-voluntary Euthanasia Application of SE and Nat Law to the it Is Sanctity of life still relevant? Is there a difference between medical intervention and non-medical intervention to end a life?</p>	<p><b>Soul, mind and body:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The philosophical language of soul, mind and body in the thinking of Plato and Aristotle.</li> <li>➤ metaphysics of consciousness, including: substance dualism and materialism</li> <li>➤ materialist critiques of dualism, and dualist responses to materialism</li> </ul>
6/11/23	Core task – Exam Q’s PJO & SCO	<p><b>Kantian ethics:-</b> Duty, Hypothetical &amp; Categorical Imperative, 3 postulates Is it helpful? Is it right to make judgements based on duty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ whether the concept of ‘soul’ is best understood metaphorically or as a reality</li> <li>➤ the idea that any discussion about the mind-body distinction is a category error</li> </ul>
13/11/23		<p>Is Kantian ethics too abstract Does it rely on duty too much?</p> <p><b>Utilitarianism:-</b> Utility, HC, Act &amp; Rule Utilitarianism Is it helpful? Can we measure pleasure?</p>	<p><b>Arguments based on observation:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Teleological Argument:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquinas’ Fifth Way</li> <li>• Paley</li> <li>• whether or not teleological arguments can be defended against the challenge of ‘chance’</li> <li>• whether a posteriori or a priori is the more persuasive style of argument</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
20/11/23			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Cosmological Argument</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquinas’ first three ways</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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1/1/24		<p><b>Business Ethics</b>                  CSR, Whistle-blowing, good ethics is good business, globalisation                  Apply Kant &amp; Utilitarianism                  CSR is hypocritical window dressing                  Can humans flourish in a capitalist society?                  Globalisation encourages good ethics?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether cosmological arguments simply jump to the conclusion of a transcendent creator, without sufficient explanation.</li> <li>➤ Challenges to arguments from observation:</li> </ul>		
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26/2/24				<p><b>Sexual Ethics</b>                  Premarital &amp; extramarital sex                  Homosexuality                  Influences of religious beliefs on the debate                  Apply NL, SE, Kant &amp; Util                  Evaluate whether religion should have any influence in this area?                  Should sexual choice be private or subject to laws and norms?                  Are ethical theories helpful?</p>	<p><b>Arguments based on reason:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>The ontological argument:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anselm</li> <li>• Gaunilo’s criticisms</li> <li>• Kant’s criticisms</li> <li>• whether a posteriori or a priori is the more persuasive style of argument</li> <li>• whether or not existence can be treated as a predicate</li> <li>• Whether or not the ontological argument justifies belief and whether or not there are logical fallacies in this argument that cannot be overcome.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Religious experience:-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The nature and influence of religious experience, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mystical experience</li> <li>• conversion experience</li> <li>• Different ways in which individual religious experiences can be understood.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ whether personal testimony or witness is enough to support the validity of religious experiences</li> <li>➤ whether or not corporate religious experiences might be considered more reliable or valid than individual experiences</li> </ul> </li></ul>
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15/4/24	Core task – Exam Q’s PJO & SCO	<p><b>Meta-ethical theories</b>                  Naturalism, Intuitionism &amp; Emotivism                  What is meant by ‘good’?                  Can ethical language be meaningful or meaningless                  Do we just know what is right or wrong?</p>	<p><b>The problem of evil:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The problem of evil and suffering</li> <li>➤ Different presentations</li> <li>➤ Theodicies that propose some justification or reason for divine action or inaction in the face of evil.</li> <li>➤ Whether or not Augustine’s view of the origins of moral and natural evils is enough to spare God from blame for evils in the world</li> <li>➤ Whether or not the need to create a ‘vale of soul-</li> </ul>		
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3/6/24		<p><b>Conscience</b>                  Aquinas’ theological approach                  Freud’s psychological approach                  Compare Freud and Aquinas                  Is conscience linked to Reason?                  Is conscience an umbrella term?</p>			

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			<p>making' can justify the existence or extent of evils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Which of the logical or evidential aspects of the problem of evil pose the greater challenge to belief</li> <li>➤ Whether or not it is possible to successfully defend monotheism in the face of evil</li> </ul> <p><b>The nature or attributes of God</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Omnipotence, omniscience, (omni)benevolence, eternity, free will</li> <li>• whether or not it is possible, or necessary, to resolve the apparent conflicts between divine attributes</li> <li>• whether Boethius, Anselm or Swinburne provides the most useful understanding of the relationship between divinity and time</li> <li>• whether or not any of these thinkers are successful in resolving the problems of divine knowledge, benevolence, justice, eternity and human free will</li> <li>➤ whether the attributes should be understood as subject to the limits of logical possibility or of divine self-limitation</li> </ul> <p><b>Religious Language</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The apophatic way – the via negativa</li> <li>• Cataphatic way – the via positive</li> <li>• Symbol</li> <li>• Comparison of the usefulness of the above approaches to religious language</li> <li>• Whether or not the apophatic way enables effective understanding of theological discussion</li> <li>• Whether or not Aquinas' analogical approaches support effective expression of language about God</li> </ul> <p>Whether or not religious discourse is comprehensible if religious language is understood as symbolic</p>
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<p>15/7/24</p>	<p>End of year exam</p>	<p><b>Person of Jesus Christ:-</b>                  Son of God, Teacher of wisdom, Liberator                  Evaluate to what extent Jesus could be regarded as any of those titles                  Did he think he was divine?</p>	<p><b>Twentieth century perspectives and philosophical comparisons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• logical positivism</li> <li>• Wittgenstein’s views on language games and forms of life</li> <li>• discussion about the factual quality of religious language in the falsification symposium</li> <li>• whether or not any version of the verification principle successfully renders religious language as meaningless</li> <li>• whether or not any participant in the falsification symposium presented a convincing approach to the understanding of religious language</li> </ul> <p>a comparison of the ideas of Aquinas and Wittgenstein</p>
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