**Inductive Arguments**

| **Topic** |  |
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| The meaning of the term inductive and the concept ‘A posteriori’  ∙ The strengths of inductive arguments  ∙ The limitations of inductive arguments |  |
| The Teleological Argument  Aquinas’ fifth way - Concept of governance/regularity - The Archer and Arrow analogy |  |
| The Teleological Argument  William Paley’s watchmaker analogy - Purpose and complexity found in nature is comparable to a watchmaker |  |
| The Teleological Argument  F.R Tennant Anthropic (probability) and aesthetic (beauty) arguments - The universe specifically designed for human life |  |
| The Teleological Argument  Hume’s objections to the idea that the world is designed |  |
| The Teleological Argument  Alternative explanations for the existence of the appearance of design - Darwin/Dawkins and evolution. |  |
| The Teleological Argument  Whether teleological arguments are persuasive in the 21st Century |  |

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| The Cosmological Argument  St Aquinas’ first three ways - Motion, Efficient Causes and contingency and necessity. |  |
| The Cosmological Argument  Criticisms of Aquinas |  |
| The Cosmological Argument  The Kalam Argument  William Lane Craig’s contribution to the Kalam argument.—Infinity is a concept which can not exist in reality - infinite library |  |
| The Cosmological Argument  Hume’s objections to cosmological argument |  |
| The Cosmological Argument  Cosmological Argument in 21st Century - Hawking and Lennox |  |
| The Cosmological Argument  Are scientific explanations more persuasive than philosophical explanations of the universe’s existence. |  |

**Challenges to Religious Belief**

| **Topic** |  |
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| The Problem of Evil and Suffering  The types of evil: Moral/Natural  The logical problem of evil and suffering - Epicrus |  |
| The Problem of Evil and Suffering  Modern developments and accounts of the problem - J.L Mackie’s inconsistent Triad, William Rowe (intense human and animal suffering) and Gregory S Paul (premature deaths) |  |
| The Problem of Evil and Suffering  Augustine’s theodicy and possible objections |  |
| The Problem of Evil and Suffering  Irenean theodicy and possible objections |  |
| The Problem of Evil and Suffering  To what extent can each theodicy be said to be relevant in the 21st century |  |
| The Problem of Evil and Suffering  To what extent each theodicy succeeds as a defence of the classical God of theism |  |

**Religious Experience**

| **Topic** |  |
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| The influence of religious experience on religious practice and faith  The value of religious experience for religious community including; affirmation of belief system, promotion of faith value system, strengthening cohesion of religious community. |  |
| The influence of religious experience on religious practice and faith  The value of religious experience for an individual including faith restoring, strengthening faith in face of opposition, renewal of commitment to religious ideal and doctrines. |  |
| The influence of religious experience on religious practice and faith  The impact religious experiences can have on religious belief and practices. |  |
| The influence of religious experience on religious practice and faith  Whether religious communities are entirely dependant on religious experience |  |