_A Level Philosophy & Ethics

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2.1 Arguments for the existence of God: 2.1A Inductive Argument - Cosmological

2. I can define: inductive reasoning, a posteriori, synthetic, actuality & potentiality, causal factors, necessity & contingency, infinite regression.			
1. I can explain Leibniz cosmological question and the Principle of 'Sufficient Reason'			
3. I can explain Aquinas 3 cosmological arguments from: a) Motion or Change b) Causation and c) Necessary Being			
4. I can explain WL Craig's version of the Kalam cosmological argument and his rejection of an actual infinite (actual v potential).			
5. I can evaluate to what extent inductive arguments and Craig's Kalam argument are convincing or persuasive			
6. I can evaluate to what extent the cosmological arguments are convincing in the 21st Century			

2.1 Arguments for the existence of God: 2.1B Inductive Argument - Teleological

1. I can explain the meaning of 'telos' and link it to Aristotle's 4 causes, and give 3 bible teachings for God as designer.			
2. I can explain Aquinas' 5th Way - from Governance; archer and arrow analogy			
3. I can explain W Paley's watchmaker analogy; complexity, order and purpose, design qua purpose and design qua regularity			
4. I can explain FR Tennant's Anthropic Principle; Fine-tuning argument			
5. I can explain FR Tennant's Aesthetic arguments - appreciation of beauty and goodness leads us to believe in a 'good' God			
6. I can evaluate to what extent the teleological arguments are convincing in the 21st Century			

2.1 Arguments for the existence of God: 2.1C Challenges to Inductive Arguments

3. I can explain D Hume's challenges to the cosmological argument: fallacy of composition, insufficient evidence and God of classical theism			
4. I can explain why the Hume said the cosmological argument does not necessitate belief in the God of Classical Theism			
5. I can explain D Hume's challenges to the Teleological argument: analogies, authentic or apparent design, shipbuilder analogy, absent designer			
1. I can explain the scientific challenge: Evolution by natural selection, Big Bang theory, multiverse, oscillating universe.			
6. I can evaluate the effectiveness of the challenges to the cosmological & teleological arguments and if scientific explanations are more persuasive.			

2. I know what is meant by Okham's Razor and how it applies to the cosmological & teleological arguments			

2.1 Arguments for the existence of God: 2.1D Deductive Argument - St Anselm's Ontological

1. I can define: deductive reasoning, a priori, analytic, Ontos, contingent or necessary being.			
2. I can name Anselm's book in which he explains the Ontological argument and explain the significance of Psalm 14:1			
3. I can explain Anselm's definition of God possessing maximal greatness(Proslogion 2)			
4. I can explain Anselm's definition of God possessing necessary existence (Proslogion 3)			
6. I can evaluate to what extent Anselm's Deductive arguments are persuasive			
5. I can explain religious views on the nature of God and whether belief in God requires that God has these attributes			

2.1 Arguments for the existence of God: 2.1E Deductive Arguments - Descartes & Malcolm

1. I can explain R Descartes concept of God as Supremely perfect being.			
2. I can explain R Descartes analogies of triangles and mountains/valleys			
3. I can explain N Malcolm's view of God as necessary being and unlimited.			
4. I can explain why, if God does not exist, his existence becomes 'necessarily' impossible.			
5. I can evaluate the effectiveness of ontological arguments for God's existence			
6. I can argue whether the ontological argument is more or less persuasive than inductive arguments			

2.1 Arguments for the existence of God: 2.1F Challenges to Deductive Arguments

1. I can explain the term: 'reductio ad absurdum'			
2. I can explain Gaunilo's rejection of Anslem's ontological argument; the perfect island			
3. I can explain the term: 'intrinsic maximum' and why Gaunilo has misrepresented Anselm's argument			
4. I can explain the term: 'predicate' and Kant's rejection of existence as a predicate			
5. I can evaluate the effectiveness of Gaunilo and Kant's Criticism of the ontological argument			
6. I can evaluate to what extent ontological arguments are persuasive today			

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Student Reflection:
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