|  | Plato/Aristotle | Concept of God | Cosmological | Teleological | Moral | Ontological | Challenges |
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| Jun 2014 | a) Compare Aristotle’s views of the Prime Mover with Judaeo-Christian beliefs about God.  b) “The Judaeo-Christian God is more believable than the Prime Mover. | | a) Explain the Cosmological Argument from Aquinas and Copleston  b) “Hume successfully refuted the CA”. |  |  | a) Explain philosophical beliefs about the origin of evil and the role of human free will.  b) “All theodicies fail”. Discuss.  a) Explain Creationist views about the beginnings of the universe.  b) “The Big Bang theory is a better explanation for the origins of the universe than Creationist views.” | |
| Jun 2013 |  | (a) Explain what is meant by *‘creatio ex nihilo’*.  (b) “God should not judge us as he is responsible for the way we are”. |  |  |  | (a) Explain Descartes’ version of the Ontological Argument.  (b) “Descartes has proved that a perfect God exists”. | (a) Explain what is meant by Intelligent Design.  (b) “The Intelligent Design argument makes no sense”.  (a) Explain the theodicies of both Augustine and Irenaeus.  (b) “There is too much evil in the world for there to be a God”. |
| Jan 2013 | (a) Explain Plato’s analogy of the cave  (b) “Plato is wrong to say that most people live in a shadow world” |  |  | (a) Explain Mill’s criticisms of the design argument  (b) “The teleological argument has successfully survived all criticisms” | (a) Explain Freud’s view on the source of moral awareness.  (b) “Only God can be the source of moral awareness” |  | (a) Explain the theory of evolution  (b) “God is the only explanation for the existence of life” |
| Jun 2012 | (a) Explain Aristotle’s concept of the Prime Mover.  (b) “An accidental universe is as likely as a created one”.  (a) Explain the relationship between Plato’s Form of the Good and the other Forms  (b) “The Forms teach us nothing about the physical world |  |  |  | (a) Explain Kant’s moral argument for the existence of God.  (b) “Morality has nothing to do with the existence of God”. |  | (a) Explain how Augustine justified the existence of natural evil  (b) “The existence of natural evil proves there is no God”. |
| Jan 2012 |  | (a) Explain biblical beliefs about the attributes of God  (b) “The Bible is too inconsistent to be used for moral teachings | (a) Explain the arguments put forward by Copleston in his radio debate with Russell.  (b) How far was Russell successful in countering Copleston’s arguments in the radio debate? |  |  | (a) Explain how Kant challenged the ontological argument  (b) To what extent was Kant successful in his criticisms of the ontological argument? | (a) Compare scientific and philosophical views on the creation of the universe.  (b) Evaluate the view that science can only explain how and not why the universe exists. |
| Jun 2011 | (a) Explain Aristotle’s understanding of the Four Causes  (b) “Aristotle’s Four Causes fail as a description of the real world”. Discuss |  | (a) Explain Hume’s criticisms of the cosmological argument.  (b) To what extent was Hume successful in his critique of the cosmological argument? | (a) Explain Paley’s argument for the existence of God.  (b) The Universe has no purpose. Discuss |  |  | (a) Explain the Irenaean theodicy.  (b) To what extent can evil be said to be simply a test? |
| Jan 2011 |  | (a) Explain what it means to say that ‘God is good’.  (b) To what extent are things only good because God commands them? |  |  | (a) Explain what Kant means by "Summum Bonum".  (b) ‘The existence of morality is not evidence for the existence of God.’ |  | (a) Explain why some creationists do not believe in the big bang theory.  (b) ‘Scientist are the only ones who can explain why the universe is here.’  (a) Explain the nature of the problem of evil.  (b) ‘Moral evil may be the fault of humanity but natural evil is God's fault. |
| Jun 2010 | (a) Compare the concept of a Prime Mover with the idea of god as craftsman.  (b) ‘Only philosophers can explain creation.’ |  |  |  | (a) Explain Freud's view that moral awareness comes from sources other than God.  (b) ‘God is the only explanation of moral awareness.’ | (a) Explain Anselm's Ontological argument.  (b) ‘It is pointless to deny the logical necessity of the existence of God.’ | (a) Explain the concept of Irreducible Complexity.  (b) ‘There is no evidence of Intelligent Design in the universe. |
| Jan 2010 | (a) Explain the concept of Ideals in Plato's writings.  (b) ‘Ideals are an illusion; we can only experience what is real' | (a) Explain the concept of ‘Creatio ex nihilo’  (b) ‘Nothing comes from nothing’ |  | (a) Explain Mill’s challenge to the teleological argument.  (b) Evaluate the claim that the universe has too many flaws for it to be designed. |  |  | (a) Explain Darwinism and evolutionary theory.  (b) ‘The universe is too complex for evolutionary theory to explain it’ |
| Jun 2009 | (a) Explain the analogy of the cave in Plato's Republic.  (b) ‘The analogy of the cave tells us nothing about reality' |  | (a) Explain Aquinas’ Cosmological argument.  (b) To what extent were Russell’s criticisms of the Cosmological argument successful. |  | (a) Explain Kant’s moral argument for the existence of God.  (b) ‘Moral awareness has nothing to do with God’ |  | (a) Explain the debate between Creationism and the Big Bang theory.  (b) ‘The big bang theory is more believable than creationism’ |
| Jan 2009 | (a) Explain what Aristotle meant by final cause  (b) To what extent does the concept of a final cause teach us anything about the real world? | (a) Explain the Judaeo-Christian concept of God as law-giver and judge  (b) 'God has no right to judge human beings.' |  | (a) Explain why some philosophers argue that evidence of design in the universe proves the existence of God.  (b) ‘Mill’s discussion of evil successfully undermines the argument from design.’ |  |  | (a) Explain why Irenaeus argues that the existence of evil is a necessary part of the universe.  (b) ‘Irenaeus is wrong: evil disproves the existence of God’ |