**PHILOSOPHY, BELIEFS & ETHICS**

**(PBE) YEAR 1 SPECIFICATION**

**You will have three exam papers (2 essays per section).**

**01 Philosophy**

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| **01.1**  | **Philosophical Language and Thought** | 🗸 |
| 01.1.1 | Plato’s understanding of reality |  |
| 01.1.2 | Plato’s theory of The Forms |  |
| 01.1.3 | Plato’s Analogy of the Cave |  |
| 01.1.4 | Aristotle’s understanding of reality |  |
| 01.1.5 | Aristole’s four causes |  |
| 01.1.6 | Aristole’s view of the prime mover |  |
| 01.1.7 | Metaphysics of consciousness |  |
| 01.1.8 | Materialism |  |
| **01.2**  | **The Existence of God** |  |
| 01.2.1 | The teleological Argument  |  |
| 01.2.2 | The cosmological Argument |  |
| 01.2.3 | Challenges to arguments from observation |  |
| 01.2.4 | The ontological Argument |  |
| **01.3**  | **God & the World** |  |
| 01.3.1 | Mystical Experience |  |
| 01.3.2 | Conversion  |  |
| 01.3.3 | Religious Experience |  |
| 01.3.4 | Interpretations of Experience |  |
| 01.3.5 | The Problem of Evil |  |
| 01.4.6 | Theodices  |  |

**02 Ethics**

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| **02.1** | **Utilitarianism** |  |
| 02.1.1 | Types of ethical theories |  |
| 02.1.2 | Bentham and utilitarianism |  |
| 02.1.3 | Mill and utilitarianism |  |
| 02.1.4 | Act and rule utilitarianism |  |
| 02.1.5 | Criticisms of utilitarianism |  |
| **02.2** | **Kantian ethics** |  |
| 02.2.1 | Deontological ethics |  |
| 02.2.2 | Duty and the good will |  |
| 02.2.3 | Kant’s imperatives and postulates |  |
| 02.2.4 | Criticisms of Kant |  |
| **02.3** | **Situation Ethics** |  |
| 02.3.1 | The concept of *agape* |  |
| 02.3.2 | The six propositions |  |
| 02.3.3 | The four working principles |  |
| 02.3.4 | Conscience |  |
| 02.3.5 | Criticisms of situation ethics |  |
| **02.4** | **Natural law** |  |
| 02.4.1 | *Telos* and natural law |  |
| 02.4.2 | The four tiers of law |  |
| 02.4.3 | The precepts |  |
| 02.4.4 | Criticisms of natural law |  |
| **02.5** | **Euthanasia** |  |
| 02.5.1 | Sanctity and quality of life |  |
| 02.5.2 | Types of euthanasia |  |
| 02.5.3 | Euthanasia and natural law |  |
| 02.5.4 | Euthanasia and situation ethics |  |
| 02.5.5 | Other issues surrounding euthanasia |  |
| **02.6** | **Business ethics** |  |
| 02.6.1 | Corporate social responsibility and the importance of good ethics |  |
| 02.6.2 | Whistle-blowing |  |
| 02.6.3 | Globalisation and ethics |  |
| 02.6.3 | Kantian ethics and business |  |
| 02.6.4 | Utilitarianism and business |  |
| 02.6.5 | Capitalism and consumerism |  |

**03 Developments in religious thought (Christianity)**

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| **03.1** | **St Augustine** |  |
| 03.1.1 | Creation |  |
| 03.1.2 | Original sin and its effects |  |
| 03.1.3 | God’s grace |  |
| 03.1.4 | Criticisms of Augustine |  |
| **03.2** | **Death and the afterlife** |  |
| 03.2.1 | Heaven, hell and purgatory |  |
| 03.2.2 | Election |  |
| 03.2.3 | Issues surrounding the afterlife |  |
| **03.3** | **Knowledge of God** |  |
| 03.3.1 | Natural knowledge of God’s existence |  |
| 03.3.2 | Revelation |  |
| 03.3.3 | Issues surrounding knowledge of God |  |
| **03.4** | **Jesus** |  |
| 03.4.1 | The birth of Jesus |  |
| 03.4.2 | The teachings of Jesus |  |
| 03.4.3 | Liberation theology |  |
| 03.4.4 | Evaluating the role of Jesus |  |
| **03.5** | **Morality** |  |
| 02.5.1 | Sources of reason |  |
| 02.5.2 | Christianity and agape |  |
| 02.5.3 | Dietrich Bonhoeffer |  |
| 02.5.4 | Evaluating the ideas of Bonhoeffer |  |
| 02.5.5 | Rebellion in Christianity |  |