



# PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS



## YEAR 7

### 1. HOW HAS THE IDEA OF GOD CHANGED?

- Ancient beliefs of God
- Creation of the universe religion and science
- The design argument
- Humanism
- The problem of evil

### 2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A HINDU?

- Trimurti
- Hindu deities
- Festivals
- Samsara, reincarnation and moksha
- Yoga

### 3. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A SIKH?

- The founding of the faith
- The gurdwara and langar
- Festivals
- Challenges of being a Sikhi in Britain

### 4. CAN RELIGION SAVE THE PLANET?

- Do I care about the environment?
- Dharmic beliefs
- Understanding stewardship
- Argument for being a vegetarian

## YEAR 8

### 1. HELPING THE LESS FORTUNATE

- Causes of poverty
- Religious responses to helping others
- Human rights
- Martin Luther King Jr.
- Refugees

## YEAR 9

### 4. ALTERNATIVE BELIEFS

- The difference between a religion and a cult
- Leadership
- Paganism
- Amish
- Heaven's Gate
- Scientology

### 3. CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN BRITISH SOCIETY

- Value of human life
- Relationships
- Racial prejudice and discrimination
- Exploitation and social justice

### 2. HOW TO MAKE ETHICAL DECISIONS

- Divine command theory
- Utilitarianism
- Organ donation, abortion, euthanasia and the death penalty
- Are people born evil?

### 1. HOW DO WE CREATE PEACE?

- Does religion unite or divide?
- Is war ever justified?
- Christian and Muslim views of war, Just war theory, jihad
- Pacifism

### 4. INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

- Ultimate 'Big' life questions
- Understanding the world
- Aquinas' cosmological argument
- Paley's teleological argument

### 3. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE JEWISH?

- Moses and Pesach
- The synagogue and holy books
- Abraham and Shabbat
- Celebrations

### 2. DOES THE WORLD NEED PROPHETS?

- How can God communicate with us?
- Prophets for social justice
- Prophets and the arts
- Prophets focused on the environment

## GCSE

### 1. CHRISTIANITY BELIEFS AND TEACHINGS

- God and creation
- Incarnation, the life of Jesus
- Resurrection and afterlife
- Sin and salvation

### 2. CHRISTIANITY PRACTICES

- Forms of worship
- Prayer and sacraments
- Pilgrimage and festivals
- Local and worldwide church

### 3. ISLAMIC BELIEFS AND TEACHINGS

- Sunni and Shi'a beliefs
- Angels
- Predestination
- The imamate

### 4. ISLAMIC PRACTICES

- Five pillars
- Ten obligatory acts
- Festivals
- Ashura

### 5. RELIGION AND LIFE

- Origins of the universe
- Origins of life
- Environment and animals
- Abortion and euthanasia
- Death and the afterlife

### 6. RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILIES

- Human sexuality and relationships
- Marriage and divorce
- Same-sex relationships
- Polygamy
- Gender and equality

### 7. RELIGION, PEACE AND CONFLICT

- War-causes and responses
- Peace, justice, forgiveness and reconciliation
- Violence, war and terrorism
- Holy war and just war theory
- Pacifism

## A LEVEL

### A-LEVEL ETHICS

#### 1. ETHICAL THOUGHT

- Divine command theory
- Virtue theory
- Ethical egoism
- Naturalism
- Intuitionism
- Emotivism

#### 2. NORMATIVE ETHICAL THEORIES: RELIGIOUS APPROACHES

- Aquina's natural law
- Fletcher's situation ethics
- Kant's moral teaching
- Bentham and utilitarianism
- Mill's development of utilitarianism

#### 3. APPLIED ETHICS

- Euthanasia
- Sanctity of life principle
- Quality of life principle
- Application of natural law and situation ethics

#### 4. BUSINESS ETHICS

- Corporate social responsibility
- Whistleblowing
- Globalisation

### A-LEVEL PHILOSOPHY

#### 1. THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

- Cosmological and teleological arguments
- Ontological arguments
- Challenges and success of arguments

#### 2. RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE AND THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

- How can religious experiences be understood?
- Types of religious experience
- Evil and suffering
- Soul-making theodicies
- Irenaen theodicies

#### 3. PHILOSOPHICAL LANGUAGE AND THOUGHT

- Understanding reality
- The philosophical views of Aristotle
- The prime mover
- Is the soul a thing?
- Substance dualism
- Materialism

### A-LEVEL BUDDHISM

#### 1. THE BUDDHA

- Siddhartha's life and importance
- Birth and upbringing
- The four passing sights
- Asceticism

#### 2. TAKING REFUGE

- Significance of the refuges
- Dharma
- Truth or ultimate reality
- The sangha

#### 3. SAMBARA

- The three fires/poisons
- Karma
- Rebirth

#### 4. THE THREE MARKS OF EXISTENCE

- The nature of anicca, dukkha and anatta
- Types of unavoidable suffering

#### 5. FOUR NOBLE TRUTHS

- Truths as the 'sickness' to be cured
- Nirvana
- The Noble Eightfold Path

#### 6. MEDITATION

- Nature of samatha
- Mindfulness in Buddhist practice

### 8. RELIGION, CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

- Causes of crime
- Good and evil
- Aims of punishment
- Corporal punishment and the death penalty
- Forgiveness

