

Year 13 Overview of Scheme of Work for AS Philosophy Autumn Term

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Teachers sometimes change the order in which the topics are taught.

Week	Topic titles	Key Assessments
1	<u>Religious Language</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is language important? What are the particular difficulties with religious Language? What are Religious language's specific uses and purposes? • Understand that there are different views on the meaningfulness of religious language. • Examine and analyse the via negativa (Apophatic way) • Analyse the views of the Vienna Circle, • Examine and analyse the verification principle from A.J Ayer • Examine and analyse the falsification principle from Anthony Flew • Understand the theory of Paul Tillich on Symbol as a way to express human understanding of God. • Understand the uses analogy and myth to express human understanding of God. • Evaluate all theories critically. What are their strengths and weaknesses? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two past examination questions on the topic of Religious language.
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Spring Term

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Week	Topic titles	Key Assessments
1	<u>Religious Experience</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a Religious experience? Describe different types with examples. Particularly visions, voices, 'numinous' experience, conversion experience, corporate religious experience. • Describe and analyse the argument from religious experience from William James. • What are the aims and main conclusions drawn by William James in <i>The Varieties of Religious Experience</i>; • How can God be revealed through sacred writings? • Analyse the above ideas. What are their strengths and weaknesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two past examination questions on the topic of Religious experience.
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9	<u>Miracle</u> A study of how God might interact with humanity, by looking at the concept of miracle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How should the term 'miracle' be defined? • Analyse Hume's definition of a miracle. • How does the bible define miracles? What issues does this raise about God's activity in the world? • Analyse the criticisms of miracles by Hume and Wiles. • What are the implications of the concept of miracle for the problem of evil? • Can modern people be expected to believe in miracles? Do and they suggest an arbitrary or partisan God? • Analyse all the above ideas. What are their strengths and weaknesses? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two past examination questions on the topic of Miracle.
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Summer Term

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Week	Topic titles	Key Assessments
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exam preparation and revision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External examination in June.
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