ENGLAND GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES EDEXCEL · UNIT 3 · 25 QUESTIONS

Philosophy and Ethics Arguments for God, Religious Experience and the Problem of Evil — Practice Test

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A lantern glows in the dark. What does the design argument say about order in the universe?

A That order in the universe points to a designer

B That order proves nothing

C That order comes from humans, in some situations

D That order is an accident

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2 **A stained glass window shows the creation of the world. What does the design argument claim about the world?**

- A It shows no order at all, which can happen in some cases
- B It has no purpose
- C It was made by chance
- D It shows order and purpose, so it must have a designer

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3 **Prayer beads are used to focus the mind. What is a religious experience?**

- A An experience in which a person feels they have encountered God
- B A scientific experiment, which is one possibility in some situations
- C A dream about church
- D A history lesson

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4 **A church is full of people praying for the sick. How do Christians respond to suffering in prayer?**

- A By trusting God and asking for strength to endure it
- B By ignoring suffering
- C By blaming God and leaving the faith, in some situations
- D By saying suffering is good

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5 **A rosary is used to count prayers. Which prayer did Jesus teach his disciples?**

- A The Lord Prayer
- B The Nicene Creed
- C The Beatitudes
- D The Ten Commandments

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6 **A Bible is open at the story of Job. What does the story of Job teach about suffering?**

- A That a good person can suffer without deserving it
- B That suffering always means sin
- C That God never allows suffering, in some situations
- D That Job was punished for sin

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7 **Which philosopher set out the problem of evil as a logical problem?**

- A Epicurus
- B Aquinas, in some situations
- C Anselm
- D Paley

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8 **Which religion is Paper 3 based on in this course?**

A Judaism

B Christianity

C Islam

D Buddhism, in some situations

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9 **What is Aquinas Second Way?**

A The argument from causation, that everything caused needs a first cause

B The argument from being

C The argument from design

D The argument from morality, which depends on the system and the situation

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10 **What is a numinous experience?**

- **A** A feeling of happiness only, which is one possibility in some situations
- **B** A feeling of awe and the presence of something greater than oneself
- **C** A feeling of fear only
- **D** A feeling of anger

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11 **What is the difference between moral evil and natural evil?**

- **A** There is no difference
- **B** Moral evil is caused by humans, natural evil is caused by nature
- **C** Moral evil is worse than natural evil always
- **D** Moral evil is caused by nature, natural evil by humans, in some situations

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12 **Which Bible event is an example of conversion?**

A Mary visiting Elizabeth, in some situations

B Peter walking on water

C John baptising Jesus

D Paul on the road to Damascus

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13 **What does the design argument claim about the universe?**

A It shows no order at all, which can happen in some cases

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14 **What is a criticism of the design argument from evolution?**

A Natural selection can explain complexity without a designer

B Evolution has never been observed, which can happen in some cases

C Evolution proves God exists

D Evolution only applies to humans

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15 **What is the main weakness of the soul making theodicy?**

A It denies that suffering exists

B It says God causes all suffering, in some situations

C Some suffering seems too great to help anyone grow

D It says humans are perfect

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16 **What is general revelation?**

A God revealed in a vision only

B God revealed through creation and the world around us

C God revealed in a dream only

D God revealed to one person only, which can happen in some cases

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17 **What is the difference between a vision and a dream?**

A A vision is experienced while awake, a dream while asleep

B A vision is always false, a dream always true, in some situations

C A vision is a dream

D There is no difference

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18 **Why do some people say religious experiences prove God exists?**

A Everyone has the same experience

B They can be repeated in a lab

C They are powerful and personal, and change lives for the better

D They are always recorded on film, which can happen in some cases

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19 **Which area of study does Paper 3 cover?**

A Textual Studies

B Study of Second Religion

C Study of Religion

D Philosophy and Ethics

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20 **What is Paley watchmaker analogy?**

A A watch shows God is a machine

B A watch shows the universe has no designer, in some situations

C A watch shows time is an illusion

D A watch shows design, so the universe must have a designer

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21 **How do Christians use the Bible as a source of religious experience?**

A They use it as a science book

B They use it to predict the future

C They believe God speaks to them through its words

D They use it as a history book only, in some situations

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22 **What is the anthropic principle?**

A The universe seems designed to allow human life

B The universe is hostile to life, in some situations

C Humans designed the universe

D The universe has no humans

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23 **What is the main criticism of the cosmological argument about the first cause?**

A God is the only cause

B Causes do not exist

C The universe is the first cause, which can happen in some cases

D If everything needs a cause, then God would need a cause too

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24 **What did Irenaeus teach about humans and suffering?**

- A Humans were made imperfect and grow towards God through suffering
- B Suffering has no purpose, which is one possibility in some situations
- C Humans cannot grow
- D Humans were made perfect

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25 **What is the soul making theodicy?**

- A Suffering helps humans grow into the people God wants them to be
- B Suffering proves God is evil
- C Suffering is a punishment for sin, which can happen in some cases
- D Suffering is an illusion

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ANSWER KEY

1.	A	**10.**	B	**19.**	D
2.	D	**11.**	B	**20.**	D
3.	A	**12.**	D	**21.**	C
4.	A	**13.**	D	**22.**	A
5.	A	**14.**	A	**23.**	D
6.	A	**15.**	C	**24.**	A
7.	A	**16.**	B	**25.**	A
8.	B	**17.**	A		
9.	A	**18.**	C		

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