

Religion and Medical Ethics

Is a person a person no matter how small?

For this task you will be required to present your views to the House of Commons on behalf of your constituency.

Background

A new proposal has been brought forward, which is currently labelled as 'A person is a person' bill. This proposal seeks to outlaw abortion in all its' forms, with the single exception of cases where the mothers' life is at risk.



You must write a speech that will outline your side of the argument and debate whether or not abortion should remain legal or if it should be outlawed once and for all.

Your speech must consider:

1. Reference to the current abortion law and explain why it is or isn't adequate.
2. The pros and cons of outlawing abortion in the UK.
3. A case study that can be used to support your side of the argument. This can be someone real such as Jonny Kennedy or Becky Fisher or it can be someone fictitious such as Vera Drake or Juno.
4. Christian Ethics: Would a Christian support your view? Use Bible references as well as specific Churches (Catholic/Church of England) as well as general Christian teachings such as love thy neighbour or ensoulment.
5. Finally, really hit home with your opinion and explain why you pro-choice or pro-life view is what the country and the law needs.

Write as much as you can. Think about the manner of your speech!

Religion and Environmental Ethics

The Summit: Poynton

Imagine you have been chosen to represent your country at the next world summit, located in the prestigious setting of Poynton!

You must prepare a document/speech outlining the issues that you will raise and how it is that you intend to tackle them.



Your speech should include the following:

1. An account of what problems our planet is facing. This could include things like drinking water, global warming, the use/abuse of animals, as well as specifically looking at what species are dying out due to the influence of humans.
2. Suggest at least 1 conservation organisation that you feel we should support due to their work with the planet. Explain who your organisation is and give details about what they do to help planet earth.
3. Explain from a Christian perspective what we should do to help the planet and give specific examples of what Christians have done in the past or are doing today. This could include ancient Christians like St Francis of Assisi or modern day Christians like Bono.
4. Choose 1 LEDC (Lesser Economically Developed Country) explain what problems they have (drinking water, poverty, disease etc.) and then explain how you plan to help them (small businesses, water aid, charity etc.). You could mention both emergency aid and long term aid here if it is helpful.
5. Finally choose a Christian Aid agency who you think we should support due to all their hard work. Say who they are and what they do to help poorer people. Agencies you could research include: Tear fund, Christian Aid, Trocaire and Cafod.

Good luck! Make the world proud!

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The War Report: Christian Ethics and Conflict

For this task you will be required to submit an ethical report on a war or conflict that has either occurred or is currently happening.

This must be a real event and not something fictitious, however it can be from any period in time, providing it is something that can be reliably researched.



Your report should include the following:

1. Background information: This should be a large body of writing about the war/conflict you have chosen. This should include the causes of the war, what in general happened, facts and figures and what were the outcomes or potential outcomes if it is still occurring.
2. Just War: Apply all the criteria of Just War theory to your war or conflict and then explain why or why not your chosen war is/isn't a 'just war'.
3. Christian Ethics: Apply different Christian teachings to your war/conflict to decide whether or not a Christian would approve of it. This could include; the 10 commandments, love thy neighbour, biblical stories, pacifism, the idea of Holy War etc.
4. Your opinion: Give your own opinion as to whether or not this war/conflict you have chosen is moral or not. Start by looking at arguments for and against, such as defending your country or loss of life, and then concluding with your own opinion. Make sure you repeatedly use the word 'because' to explain your reasons and where possible use lots of examples.

Good luck, try and write as much as you can manage!

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RS Tours: The holiday of an Afterlife Time

For this task you need to produce a brochure, leaflet or advertisement from a travel agent to advertise the different afterlives that a person might experience after this life.

Your brochure should visit the afterlives of several of the worlds' major faiths and for each one you should include: What the place is like, what happens there, how a person may arrive there and if need be how a person can avoid it.



Divide your brochure into several pages making sure you address each major faith:

1. Christianity: This should include a tour of Heaven, Hell and possibly Purgatory. Explain what each place is like and say how a person ends up there.
2. Buddhism: This should talk about the cycle of birth, death and rebirth demonstrating how a person is reborn and how it is different to reincarnation. This could also include a tour of the 6 worlds and even Nirvana (make sure you refer to anatta and karma).
3. Hinduism: This should show the path of reincarnation, you may choose to take a tour of previous lives showing how each is connected by the Atman. This could finish up by arriving in Moksha and showing the Atman reunited with Brahman (make sure you refer to karma and caste).
4. Afterlife and lifestyle: For the last page talk about how your customers could change their lifestyles in order to achieve the afterlife they desire, e.g. obey the 10 commandments to get into heaven, produce good karma for a good rebirth or follow their caste to achieve Moksha. You may refer to all the above faiths if you wish, but try and do at least 2 of them.

Try and write as much as you can!

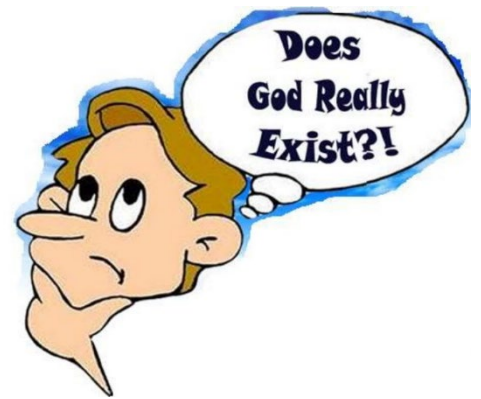
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Professor Layton and the Existence of God

Task

Imagine you, the esteemed Professor Layton detective extraordinaire, have been given quite possibly your most challenging case to date. You must write a detective's report that either proves or disproves the existence of God!

To do this you must assess several of the major arguments for God's existence looking at the strengths and weaknesses behind each one and finally concluding what the evidence suggests about God's very existence.



Your report should cover several arguments giving each its own page:

1. First Cause/Cosmological Argument: Explain what the First Cause argument is and assess its' strengths and weaknesses. Make sure you refer to any scholars and key words to do with the argument and give examples.
2. Design/Teleological Argument: Explain what the Design argument is and assess its' strengths and weaknesses. Make sure you refer to any scholars and key words to do with the argument and give examples.
3. Religious Experience: Explain what a religious experience is and assess any strengths and weaknesses of specific examples e.g. Moses/Our lady of Fatima. Make sure you refer to any key words to do with religious experience and give examples.
4. Your own evidence: Try and find evidence in the world around you that suggests God's existence or none existence. This could include looking at nature, sacred texts, what we can/can't see or simply what people believe.
5. Conclusion: Look at all your evidence and make a final decision as to whether God does or doesn't exist. Make sure you are clear about the reasons for your decision.

Write as much as you can and make sure your report is full of key words and examples, you may of course refer to more than one religion and are encouraged to do so. Good Luck!

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Apocalypse Wow! The Problem of Evil

The Mayan's along with other prophetic groups have predicted that we are living in the end times and that the end of the world is nigh! Some claim that the end is coming due to the amount of evil and suffering that exists.

If we as a species are to survive the upcoming apocalypse then you must write a detailed field report on the nature of evil so that the survivors of the end times can build a new society possibly free of evil and suffering.



Your report will need to be detailed and include a wide range of material in order for it to be of any use to future generations. It should include the following:

1. Outline what the problem of evil is and explain how evil brings into question the existence of God (use real life examples to add impact).
2. Record and explain the story of Adam and Eve. Refer specifically to moral and natural evil.
3. Outline how other faiths such as Buddhism and Hinduism might respond to the problem of evil and how they might justify the existence of evil in the world.
4. Theodicies: Recount in detail the theodicies of both Augustine and Irenaeus, explaining how evil might be either a punishment or something wholly necessary for our development.
5. Your assessment/view: Conclude with your own view on the nature and creation of evil and explain what we as a race can do (if anything) to tackle evil in the new world. Make certain you refer to both natural and moral evil in the section as they both may require different strategies.

Good luck in completing this report, please make certain you add as much detail and examples as possible as future generations are depending on you!