

Sample A Level Questions: Faith and the Existence of God

1. Is religious language factually significant?
2. Give an account of the cosmological argument for the existence of God.
What criticisms have been offered of it and are they strong enough to justify dismissing the argument?
3. What is the Problem of Evil?
Is it possible to resolve it?
4. "If God did not exist it would be necessary to invent him." Discuss
5. From a philosophical viewpoint, what are the distinctive characteristics of religious language?
6. State the ontological argument for the existence of God.
What criticisms have been offered, and are they sufficient to justify dismissing the argument?
7. Is it possible to believe that God exists yet not have religious faith.
8. Does religious experience provide any kind of evidence for God's existence?
9. What difficulties arise in attempting to prove that a given event was miraculous?
10. In what ways can 'religious experiences' be distinguished from other kinds of experience?
Discuss the philosophical difficulties which face any attempt to justify belief in God based on the occurrence of religious experiences.
11. Describe and comment upon the role that the notion of 'faith' has in supporting religious belief.
12. "God's existence is everywhere apparent, through the glory of His creation."
Consider the meaning and persuasiveness of this statement.