

# Philosophy A-Level Calendar of Work 2021 to 2023

## Year I (21/22)

Week no	Week Beginning	Calendar Notes	Epistemology	Moral Philosophy	Homework	Reading		
			Mind	God				
0	06 Sep	Friday 4/9 only	Review of induction work - Philosophical Argument					
1	13 Sep	First full week	Direct Realism and associated issues	Intro to ethics/morality	12 marker: direct realism + issue	Lacewing: Direct Realism	CHJ: Intro to Ethics (198-205),	
2	20 Sep		Indirect realism (sense-data, primary/secondary qualities)	Utilitarianism	12 marker: utilitarianism + issue	Zigzag: Indirect Realism (33-37) Russell: Problems (Chapter 1)	Bentham: Principles (Chapter 1)	
3	27 Sep		Indirect realism issues, idealism	Utilitarianism	25 marker: assess direct realism	Berkeley: Dialogues (First Dialogue)	Mill: Essay on Bentham (13-15; 21-26)	
4	04 Oct		Idealism and issues	Applied Utilitarianism	12 marker: applied utilitarianism	Russell: Problems (Chapter 4)	Singer: Practical Ethics (48-71)	
5	11 Oct		Revise for B1		Revision			
6	18 Oct		Benchmark 1 (Perception - assess indirect realism; Utilitarianism - assess utilitarianism)		25 marker: assess idealism			
Half Term								
7	01 Nov		Plato arguments for innatism. Tabula Rasa	Kantian deontology	12 marker: Kantian deontology	Meno (80d-84e)	Kant: Groundwork (23-30)	
8	08 Nov	B1 upload Mon 08 Nov, PE 1 Tues 09 Nov	Locke and Hume vs Leibniz	Kantian deontology	12 marker: innatism + issue	Locke: Essay (Book 1, Chapter 2) Hume: (Book 2)	Foot: Morality as a System of Hypothetical Imperatives	
9	15 Nov	PE1 Thurs 18 Nov	Descartes' 3 waves. Intuition and deduction thesis	Issues with Kantian deontology	25 marker: assess Kantian Deontology	Descartes: Meditation 1	James Rachels: Are there absolute moral rules?	
10	22 Nov		Descartes' sceptical arguments and cogito	Applied Deontology	12 marker: Descartes + issue	Descartes: Meditation 2 (first half)	Kant: On the Supposed Right to Lie	
11	29 Nov		Empiricists responses, Hume's fork	Virtue ethics	12 marker - applied deontology	Hume: (Book 4)	Aristotle: Nichomachean Ethics (books 2 & 3)	
12	06 Dec		Revise for B2		Revision			
13	13 Dec		Benchmark 2 - (Reason as a source of knowledge and Kant)		Xmas holiday - catch up work			
Christmas								
14	03 Jan	First day 04 Jan	121s/feedback		12 marker: Descartes + issue			
15	10 Jan	B2 and SR1 upload Thu 16/1	Types of knowledge, nature of definition, the Tripartite view	Virtue Ethics	12 marker - virtue ethics + issue	Zagzebski: What is knowledge	Aristotle: Nichomachean Ethics (books 4 & 5)	
16	17 Jan		Necessity and sufficiency of JTB (Gettier cases)	Issues with virtue ethics	12 marker: Tripartite + Gettier	Gettier: Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?	Annas: Virtue Ethics	
17	24 Jan		Infallibilism, no false lemmas, reliabilism	Applied virtue ethics	25 marker: virtue ethics	Goldman: Discrimination and Perceptual Knowledge	Diamond: Eating Meat & Eating People Matt McCormick: Is it wrong to play violent video games?	
18	31 Jan		Epistemic virtue	Meta ethics: moral realism and issues (Moore, Hume, and Ayer)	25 marker: What is knowledge	Aristotle: Nichomachean Ethics (book 6)	Moore: Principia Ethica (chapter 1)	
19	07 Feb		Scepticism/limits of knowledge (more Descartes)	Meta ethics: moral anti realism (Mackie, Ayer, and Hare) and issues	12 Marker: moral realism + issue	Hume: Enquiry (chapter 12)	Mackie: Inventing Right and Wrong (ch 1, sections 8-9) Ayer: Language, Truth, and Logic (ch 6)	
Half Term								
20	21 Feb		Epistemology review	Moral Philosophy review	12 marker: limits			
21	28 Feb		Revise for B3		Revision			
22	07 Mar		Benchmark 3 (What is knowledge/Limits + AVE/Meta)		No HW			
23	14 Mar		Epistemology review - Perception	Moral Philosophy review - Utilitarianism	25 marker - utilitarianism			
24	21 Mar	B3 upload 21 Mar, PE 2	Epistemology review - Reason	Moral Philosophy review - Kant	25 marker innatism			
25	28 Mar	PE2 29 Mar	Epistemology review - What is knowledge?	Moral Philosophy review - AVE	Revision			
Easter								
26	18 Apr	First day 19 Apr	Epistemology review - Limits	Moral Philosophy review - Applied	25 marker - limits of knowledge			
27	25 Apr		Epistemology review	Moral Philosophy review - Meta ethics	25 marker - moral realism			
28	02 May	02 May bank holiday	Epistemology review	Moral Philosophy review	Revision			
29	09 May		Revise for B4		Revision			
30	16 May		Benchmark 4		No HW			
31	23 May		What is Mind?	The concept of God - omnipotence, paradox of stone, omnibenevolence	12 marker - explain concept of God	CHJ: Section 2.1	Aquinas: Summa Theologica (part 1, question 25, article 3)	
Half Term								
32	06 Jun		121s		12 marker - what is mind?			
33	13 Jun		Substance dualism	The concept of God - Euthyphro, Omniscience, Free will	12 marker - coherence of concept of God	Descartes: Meditations (1 & 2)	Plato: Euthyphro	
34	20 Jun	B4, SR2 upload 23 Jun	Substance dualism	The concept of God - God and time	25 marker - assess substance dualism	Descartes: Meditations (6)	Stump and Kretzmann: Eternity	
35	27 Jun		Issues with Substance dualism	The problem of evil (Logical, Evidential, & Midgley)	12 marker - problem of evil (logical and evidential)	Elisabeth of Bohemia (Letter to Descartes)	Midgley: Wickedness (chapters 1 & 5)	
36	04 Jul	Last day for L6 06 Jul	Intro to Materialism (Physicalism, Supervenience, and Behaviourism)	The problem of evil (Plantinga & Hick)	Revision - Summer Work	Chalmers: Consciousness and its Place in Nature	Hick: Evil and the God of Love (ch 13) Plantinga: God, Freedom, and Evil (29-34; 59-64)	
37	11 Jul	Last day 13 Jul	INSET					
Summer								

Year 2 (22/23)

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			Mind	God			
38	12 Sep	First full week	Review summer work and the course so far		Revision		
39	19 Sep		Revise for B5		Revision		
40	26 Sep	PE 3	Benchmark 5 (Substance Dualism & Concept of God)		No HW		
41	03 Oct		I21s/B5 feedback		Revision		
42	10 Oct	B5 upload Mon 4/10	Behaviourism	Ontological Arguments	12 marker - behaviourism	Ryle: Concept of Mind (chapter 1)	Descartes: Meditations (5)
43	17 Oct		Issues with Behaviourism	Issues with Ontological Arguments	25 marker - problem of evil	CHI: 2.3.1 Putnam: Mind, Language, and Reality (extract)	Malcolm: Anselm's Ontological Argument (section 2)
<b>Half Term</b>							
44	31 Oct		Mind-brain Type-Identity Theory	Teleological Arguments	12 marker - identity theory	Smart: Sensations and Brain Processes	Hume: Dialogues concerning natural religion (parts 2 & 5) Paley: Natural Theology (chs 1, 2, & 5)
45	07 Nov		Issues with Mind-brain Type-identity Theory	Issues with Teleological Arguments	25 marker - teleological arguments	Putnam: Psychological Predicates (An Analysis of the Concept Pain)	Swinburne: Argument from Design
46	14 Nov		Revise for Benchmark 6		Revision		
47	21 Nov		Benchmark 6 (Behaviorism & Ontological Arguments)		No HW		
48	28 Nov		I21s/feedback		25 marker - identity theory		
49	05 Dec	B6, SR3 upload Thu 9/12	Eliminative Materialism	Cosmological Arguments	12 marker - cosmological arguments	Churchland: Eliminative Materialism & Propositional Attitudes	Aquinas: Summa Theologica (part 1, article 2, question 3) Descartes: Meditation (3)
50	12 Dec		Issues with Eliminative Materialism	Issues with Cosmological Arguments	25 marker - eliminative materialism	Chalmers: The Conscious Mind (chapter 7)	Hume: Dialogues (part 9) Leibniz: Monadology (sections 32-39)
<b>Christmas</b>							
51	02 Jan		Functionalism	Religious Language (cognitivism and non-cognitivism)	Revision	Putnam: The Nature of Mental States	Ayer: Language, Truth, and Logic (chapter 1)
52	09 Jan		Varieties of Functionalism	Religious Language (Logical Positivism)	25 marker - cosmological arguments	Turing: Computing, Machinery, and Intelligence	Ayer: Language, Truth, and Logic (chapter 6)
53	16 Jan		Issues with Functionalism	Religious Language (the 'University Debate' and falsification)	25 marker - functionalism	Block: Troubles with Functionalism (up to 1.3) Searle: Minds, Brains, and Science (ch 2)	Flew, Hare, & Mitchell: Theology and Falsification
54	23 Jan	INSET 28/01	Property Dualism & Epiphenomenalism	Religious Language (the 'University Debate' and falsification)	25 marker - religious language	Jackson: Epiphenomenal Qualia	Ayer: Central Questions of Philosophy (22-29)
55	30 Jan		Issues with Property Dualism and Epiphenomenalism	Review metaphysics of God	25 marker - property dualism	Lacewing: Property Dualism Objections	
56	06 Feb		Revise for B7		Revision		
<b>Half Term</b>							
57	20 Feb		Benchmark 7 (Mock Week)		Revision		
58	27 Feb		I21s		Revision		
59	06 Mar	B7, SR4 upload 10/3	Review Epistemology	Review metaphysics of God	Revision		
60	13 Mar		Review Mind	Review moral philosophy	Revision		
61	20 Mar	PE4	Review Epistemology	Review metaphysics of God	Revision		
62	27 Mar		Review Mind	Review moral philosophy	Revision		
<b>Easter</b>							
63	17 Apr		Review Mind	Review moral philosophy	Revision		
64	24 Apr		Review Epistemology	Review metaphysics of God	Revision		
65	01 May		Review Mind	Review moral philosophy	Revision		
66	08 May		Review Epistemology	Review metaphysics of God	Revision		
67	15 May		Review Mind	Review moral philosophy	Revision		
<b>Exams</b>							