

Transition work proforma:

Subject: Religious Studies (Philosophy, Ethics and Theology)

Exam Board: OCR

Specification: A Level Religious Studies H573

Task instructions: In preparation for your lessons at the start of year 12, please watch the following thought experiments.

https://www.ted.com/talks/bethany_rickwald_and_hayley_levitt_would_you_opt_for_a_life_with_no_pain

Imagine if you could plug your brain into a machine that would bring you ultimate pleasure for the rest of your life. The only catch? You have to permanently leave reality behind. Would you?

Ethics Thought experiment 2 - The Trolley Problem

<https://ed.ted.com/lessons/would-you-sacrifice-one-person-to-save-five-eleanor-nelsen>

Imagine you're watching a runaway trolley (train) barreling down the tracks, straight towards five workers. You happen to be standing next to a switch that will divert the trolley onto a second track. Here's the problem: that track has a worker on it, too — but just one. What do you do? Do you sacrifice one person to save five?

Area of exam specification: Ethical decision making and Mind, Body, Soul.

Success criteria:

- A clear statement at the start of your response explaining which option you think is best option and why.
- Two paragraphs unpacking the different options with evidence of an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of each.
- Application of any religious, philosophical or ethical real world scenarios that you think are relevant to the thought experiment. A conclusion justifying your choice.

For example: I would choose to flip the switch, killing one person but saving five because ... One the one hand some people would choose not to flip the switch. The main reasons for this are ... On the other hand, flipping the switch is still a better option because In the real world, someone may have to make a similar decision, for example ... Overall, the best option is still ... and the best reason for this is ...

Useful resources:

- The Bible Project. - you tube
- Ben Wardle – A Level Religious Studies Revision - you tube
- Mr Mcmillan Revise- you tube
- I think therefore I teach - you tube
- Crash course philosophy - you tube

Websites

- <https://peped.org/philosophicalinvestigations/list-of-possible-questions-for-2018-philosophy-of-religion/>
- <https://divinityphilosophy.net/>
- <https://ithinkthereforeiteach.com/>
- <https://iep.utm.edu/>

Pre-reading for the course: Sophie's World – This is a wonderful introduction to philosophy and an engaging read. It's the book that first opened my eyes to the wonders of philosophy 😊

Textbooks for the course: Hodder Education OCR A Level Religious Studies

Philosophy of Religion
Religion and Ethics
Developments in Christian Thought

Authors: Chris Eyre, Karen Dean, Julian Waterfield.

Submission:

Please note that it is the expectation of DWHS Sixth Form that all transition work is completed to a high standard. The successful completion of this work is an expectation of your Sixth Form offer.

Please have the work completed for the first lesson of each subject in Year 12.

