Introduction to Philosophy
Review sheet for Test # 2 Metaphysics

General things to know about metaphysics
What is the text-book definition of metaphysics?
How did it get its name?
What are the different subjects that metaphysics covers?
What are the four different metaphysical positions?

Ontological arguments for the existence of God
What is the basic structure of Anselm's ontological proof for God?
Come up with some reasons why you think this is a good or weak argument.
What are the three rebuttals to Anselm's argument?
Whys is it called the ontological argument?

Cosmological argument for the existence of God
What is the basic structure Aquinas’s argument?
What is a contingent being?
What is a necessary being?
What are the four rebuttals to Aquinas?
Why is this called the cosmological argument?
What is Samuel Clarke’s argument for why there must be a God?

Teleological argument for the existence of God
What is Aquinas’ 5th way?
How is this Paley’s argument an argument by analogy?
How is an argument for the best competing theory?
What is Hume’s critique of the argument by analogy?
What is the form of Paley’s Argument?
How does he think that he escapes Hume’s and others criticisms?
What are the other critiques of the Teleological argument?
What are the two contemporary arguments for Intelligent Design?
What are the four problems?

Problem of Evil and suffering
What is the initial problem in saying that God is all-good, God is all-powerful and that evil exists in the world?
What are the traditional answers to this problem?
What are their rebuttals?

Dostoevsky
Why does Ivan reject God?
The idea that God must allows evil makes no sense to Ivan why?
Why must Ivan decline heaven?
Swinburne
What is Swinburne’s main argument for why God allows moral evil?
Why does God allow natural evil according to Swinburne?
What are the problems with this argument?