I The Nature of Religion

John Hick’s Parable entitled *The Road*

The six main aspects of religion

Know the definition of religious belief

Know the definition of theology

Know the definitions of Theism, Deism, Atheism, agnosticism, Pantheism, and Panenthism.

II The Problem of Evil

God is All-Powerful and All-Good so why would God allow evil?

Know the three traditional responses to solving the problem of evil.

What are the objections to all three?

What is Swinburne’s response to the Problem of evil?

What are the two types of evil according to Swinburne?

Why does God allow both evils according to Swinburne?

III Religious belief and experience

William James “The Will to Believe”

What are the three criteria that must be met in order for a belief to not need evidence?

What does each of the three mean according to James?

What is W.K. Clifford response?

How can a belief without justification be Morally wrong and dangerous?
What is Mysticism?
What is a numinous experience?
What are the four main aspects of numinous experience?

IV Non-Traditional Theology

Soren Kierkegaard

Objective vs Subjective types of thinking

What type is religious experiences and beliefs according to Kierkegaard?

Religion has to do with a personal relationship with God. (a common theme today but not during Kierkegaard’s lifetime)

Religion is a feeling not an objective knowledge

What causes us to take the “leap of faith” and what is the “leap of faith”?

Feminist Theology

What is Mary Daly’s argument for why traditional religions are sexist?

What is Her solution to the problem of sexist religions?

What is Pamela young’s rebuttal to Daly?

V Does Life have Meaning?

Know what the Theistic, Human Progress, Nihilistic, Self-Chosen, Biological, and Activity/Doing responses are to the question.