

Starter

Please complete the quiz.

What type of ethical decision maker are you?

Circle your answers.

1. I like to use rules to help me make a decision – e.g., lying is always wrong.
A – True
B – False
2. I think people should be able to make the decision they feel is right for their personal circumstances.
A – False
B – True
3. I believe that the world would be a better place if everyone used a strict moral code to guide them.
A – True
B – False
4. You have a hostage who has vital information that could save thousands of people. Your superior suggests torturing them to extract the information. Time is of the essence. What do you do?
A – Find an alternative method of getting the information.
B – Torture them. One person's suffering should not outweigh thousands of lives.

If you answered:

MOSTLY As

You are likely to be a **deontological thinker**.

This means you **prefer to use rules** or a strict code of conduct to help you make decisions. You are likelier to think things are '**always right**' or '**always wrong**'.

MOSTLY Bs

You are likely to be a **teleological thinker**.

This means you prefer to consider the **consequences or situation** you are in, using these factors to decide the best course of action.

Which type of decision-maker are you?

I am a _____

This means...

Does this surprise you?

YES / NO

Welcome to

Philosophy, Theology & Ethics (PTE)

(Religious Studies A level)

Philosophy

Teleological argument - was the universe designed or an accident?

Cosmological argument - did the universe have a beginning?

Religious Experience – can we ‘know’ God?


Evil & suffering – would you rather a God that gave you freedom to experience life or one that controlled everything so nothing goes wrong?

Ethics

Should society allow:

- Embryo research?
- Cloning?
- Designer babies?
- Abortion?
- Euthanasia?
- Capital punishment?
- Animal testing for medical research?
- Blood sports?
- Animals for human transplants?
- War and weapons of mass destruction?

Component 2 – one hour
long examination



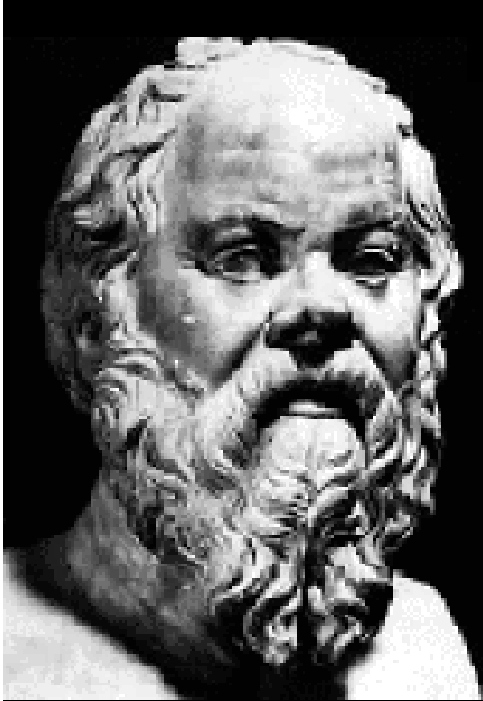
Component 1 - One two hour
examination

Christianity – does this religion provide the answers to questions about life’s meaning?

Why A-Level RS

- [Nobody Stands Nowhere - YouTube](#)





*“An unexamined life
is not worth living”*

-Socrates



**“It is better to be a human being
dissatisfied than a pig satisfied;
better Socrates dissatisfied than
a fool satisfied.”**

“I think therefore I am” Descartes



Extra-curricular The Ethics Cup

- *The Ethics Cup is not a debating competition! In the Cup, teams pick their own position on the issue, there is no effort to ensure that opposing teams present contrary opinions on the issue, and the goal is not to beat the opposing team into submission. The Cup is, at heart, a collaborative discussion.*
- *The goal is to demonstrate breadth and depth of thinking about difficult and important ethical issues. In fact, teams are rewarded for the degree to which they eschew adversarial positioning and instead adopt a more collegial, collaborative stance. In other words, teams are strongly encouraged to think of themselves as being on the same side as their opponents. That is, both teams are working together trying to solve a difficult problem—while impressing the judges with thoughtful, considered analysis and support. Listening to the other team with an aim to affirm, gently correct, supplement, or build on their argument is a prudent approach and one that expresses the ideals of the Cup."*



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Careers

