

# COMPREHENSION TEST ON BOETHIUS

**ALL OF THE QUESTIONS RELATE TO THE ESSAY.  
ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON SEPARATE PAPER.**

- [1] What is the fourth classical attribute of God missing from the list given in the Specification?
- [2] In which century did Boethius do his major writing?
- [3] What was the book that he wrote whilst in prison?
- [4] Name the Greek whose ideas of logic and the 'highest good' Boethius took and used?
- [5] Which Christian theologian, who lived a century before Boethius, was a major influence on his thought?
- [6] Which kind of revelation do you associate with Natural Theology?
- [7] What kind of theology accepts its premises from Special Revelation?
- [8] Does Boethius understand 'God is eternal' in the sense that God is timeless or non-temporal?
- [9] Who famously said of God, "Nothing contains You, but You contain all things."
- [10] Which of the following does not subscribe to the Classical view of eternity: Anselm, Aquinas, Descartes, Leibniz, Whitehead?
- [11] What three word English phrase best translates totul simul in the context of God's complete possession of an illimitable life?
- [12] Four P's are associated with the view that eternity is timelessness, a view shared by advaita Hinduism. Who are these four thinkers?
- [13] Who speaks about God being both 'backwardly' and 'forwardly' eternal?
- [14] Does Aquinas think that God's perfection entails immutability?
- [15] Which German philosopher gives us the notion of temporality (Zeitlichkeit) as a condition for the possibility of time as we know it?
- [16] Who offers us a musical image to consider the temporality of the God of the Bible?
- [17] What is the name of the view of space-time and God's relationship to it that is contrasted with the Block Universe view?
- [18] For Augustine was the universe made in time or with time?
- [19] Give the Latin tag for each of the above two options.
- [20] What is the way that physics talks about the component of the universe which is not captured in the notion of space-time?
- [21] What is the theological shorthand for talking of God as one who is unaffected by the unfolding nature of the cosmos?
- [22] Name the three schools of theology that have explored the notion of God's passibility most thoroughly.

- [23] Which ex Cambridge professor of Physics makes the point that the choice between different views of God and time is not determined by the physics alone, but involves a metaphysical choice?
- [24] Which view of the time and the universe did Einstein favour?
- [25] Does Polkinghorne think that on the unfolding universe model that there are problems of simultaneity for God?
- [26] What is the theological term that refers to the self-limiting of God?
- [27] What is the term to describe the idea that God's knowledge is of everything that it is possible to know now (but not everything that it will ever be possible to know)?
- [28] Who was the author of "God is 'everlasting', not eternal" in 1975?
- [29] According to your answer to Q28, what do the three references, Exod 3:13, Malachi 3:6 and Psalm 102:27 not teach about God?
- [30] Complete the logical inference: If X knows that p, it follows that .....
- [31] Did Aquinas believe that God's foreknowledge was incompatible with our free will?
- [32] According to Polkinghorne, are issues of causality and issues of temporality logically independent?
- [33] Who says that God's knowledge of a freely chosen event follows it like a chronologically prior shadow?
- [34] What is the name of the position that claims that God's 'middle knowledge' allows for the compatibility of freedom and determinism?
- [35] What is the technical term for eternity understood as a past and future totality?
- [36] Translate into English Boethius's famous phrase *interminabilis vitae tota simul et perfecta possessio*.