**Phil 110 Study Guide**

**Section #1: God**

1. Define the following terms and give an example of each:

argument, valid, sound, necessary condition (for *being a square*), sufficient conditions (for *being a square*), reductio argument, necessary evil, a priori proposition, a posteriori proposition, mark of design, response-dependent property

2. Answer these questions:

a. What three (allegedly) inconsistent claims make up the *Problem of Evil*?

b. What is the *Free Will Defense* response to the *Problem of Evil*?

c. What are some of the goods (free will itself) that free will leads to?

c. What does it mean to say that “All evils are necessary’?

d. What’s one problem with saying that God’s omnipotence amounts to God being able to do anything?

e. What’s an alternative definition of omnipotence that doesn’t face that problem? f. What is the *Jelly Bean World* objection to the Free Will Defense?

g. How might a Free Will Defense advocate respond to the *Jelly Bean World*?

h. What is the *Natural Disaster Objection* to the free will defense?

i. How might a Free Will Defense advocate respond to the *Natural Disaster Objection*?

3. What is Aquinas’ First Cause Argument for the existence of God?

4. What was one idea or argument or thesis that René Descartes came up with?

5. Answer these questions:

a. What is Aquinas/Paley’s argument from design for the existence of God?

b. Supposing that evolution occurred, why would that pose a problem for Aquinas/Paley’s argument?

6. Answer these questions:

a. What is the Divine Command Theory of Morality?

b. Why would it be incorrect to use the word “because” in (6a)?

c. What is Euthyphro’s dilemma for it the Divine Command Theory of Morality?

7. Are any of the things discussed in this section relevant to daily life? Explain why or why not.