PHIL 1200

The Meditation Three Proof for God’s Existence (Note that you are not required to read Meditation III, and there is not paper topic on this issue.)

1. The cause of a thing must be at least as perfect (real) as its effect.

2. I have a clear and distinct idea of a God who is infinite, independent, intelligent, and powerful to the highest degree.

3. My idea of God must have a cause.

4. The cause of my idea must be at least as perfect (real) as my idea of God.

5. I am not infinite.

6. I cannot be the cause of my idea.

7. The cause of the idea must be something really infinite.

8. God exists.

9. Deception is a sign of imperfection.

10. God is not a deceiver.

11. I can rely on my clear and distinct ideas.