Introduction:

- Why is something here rather than nothing at all?
- Why is that which is here the way that it is and not different?

I. Definitions and Issues

A. Definitions

1. Metaphysics
2. Ontology
3. Cosmology
4. Teleology
5. Monism
6. Dualism
7. Pluralism
8. Idealism
9. Materialism
10. Realism
11. Nominalism

B. Issues

1. Appearance and reality
2. One and the many (unity/diversity)
3. Being and becoming

II. Modern Alternatives to Metaphysics

A. Pragmatism

B. Phenomenology and existentialism

C. Logical positivism and analytic philosophy

D. Revolutionary philosophy