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Pembroke College North West Essay Prize 2022

Questions

Humanities

- 1) Is opera more valuable than hip hop?
- 2) What is the difference between history and the past?
- 3) Is power always gendered?
- 4) Is Art necessary?
- 5) What, in your opinion, was the most important historical or archaeological discovery in the last 200 years?

Social Sciences

- 1) Can a capitalist society solve climate change?
- 2) What are human rights?
- 3) What is populism?
- 4) *“Economies typically do not function well in hyperinflation. The real value of government debt might disappear, but the economy is likely to disappear with it.”* (Eugene Fama) Discuss.
- 5) *‘[T]here must remain a realm of private morality and immorality which is, in brief and crude terms, not the law's business.’* - The Wolfenden Report, 1957. Discuss

Sciences

- 1) Does evolution result in the most optimum mechanisms (versus what an engineer might design)?
- 2) Discuss why Chemistry is sometimes referred to as ‘The Central Science’.
- 3) Is Maths invented or discovered?
- 4) What will be the next scientific revolution?
- 5) Does evolution result in the most optimum mechanisms (versus what an engineer might design)?

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