

1. Which one of the following is not a member of the Trinity? [1 mark]

A) The Son B) The Father C) The Godfather D) The Holy Spirit

2. Give two different beliefs about the Son of God. [2 marks]

Jesus means 'He saves', He is God incarnate, Jesus was the Messiah, He was crucified, He died for us, He is Emmanuel 'God with us', He is the perfect representative of God, He lived on Earth around 2000 years ago, He has existed since before the creation of the world, He is 'the Word' from John's Gospel etc.

3. Explain two teachings about the nature of the Trinity. [4 marks]

One being, three persons/ in sync with each other/ in relationship/ Father/Son and Holy Spirit/ Specific teaching about each member of the Trinity creditable.

4. Explain two Christian teachings about the Holy Spirit. [5 marks]

A person: 'He' not 'It'/present at the creation of the world/ lives in Christians/guides Christians/convicts Christians of sin/ was present at Jesus' Baptism/ Filled the first disciples at Pentecost/God's presence on Earth

5. 'Christian teaching about the Trinity makes no sense.'

[12 marks]

Some Christians agree:

Goes against logic>How can something be three and also one? >It does not make mathematical sense. Christians are monotheistic>they worship one God>BIBLE: The first commandment says only worship God. BIBLE: "Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, The Lord is One". The Trinity is not explicitly mentioned in the Bible.

Some Christians disagree:

Although the Trinity is not explicitly mentioned in the Bible, the idea is present> Christians are told to be baptised "in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit". BIBLE: In Jesus' baptism all three parts of the Trinity are present. Although it may not make logical sense to us, God is mysterious to us and we as humans can never fully comprehend Him fully. H₂O can be steam, ice or water and still H₂O.

POTENTIAL WEAK ARGUMENT: The Trinity is not explicitly mentioned in the Bible but each aspect is.