

1. Which one of the following includes the Creation story? [1 mark]

A) Matthew B) Genesis C) Exodus D) Revelation

2. Give two different beliefs about the creation of the world. [2 marks]

God spoke the earth into being/ It happened in 6 days-periods of time/The Trinity was active in creating the world/ any information about stages e.g. light, sky-sea, land-sea, vegetation, animals, humans, rest.

3. Explain two teachings about the role of the Trinity in creation. [4 marks]

God the Father spoke the earth into being + “let there be light” etc. The Holy Spirit carried out the work “hovered over the waters”. The Son was ‘the Word’ that God spoke to make things happen “In the beginning was the Word.”

4. Explain two Christian teachings about how the creation story should be interpreted. [5 marks]

Literally. Believed by fundamentalist Christians. It took literally six 24 hour days.
Metaphorically. Liberal Christians. The meaning is important e.g. God is omnipotent.
Six stages of creation. “Yom” Hebrew, period of time.

5. 'You cannot believe in both creation and evolution.'

[12 marks]

Some Christians agree:

They are incompatible beliefs>Evolution is a multi-million year process, Fundamentalist creation is six days> Modern science has offered very compelling arguments in support of evolution>Genesis 1 was written a long time ago. The description of God making Adam is not compatible with evolutionary ideas about the 1st humans

Some Christians disagree:

If a Christian takes a metaphorical understanding of Genesis, or believes in 6 periods of time (yom) then there is no incompatibility>both acceptable>whoever wrote Genesis would not have had the vocabulary to explain evolution. The order of creation in Genesis is the same as evolution>life in the sea first, humans last. Creation is the 'why', evolution is the 'how'> both needed.

POTENTIAL WEAK ARGUMENT: literal 6 day unlikely (sun made on fourth day)