THE ORIGINS OF HUMAN LIFE

Theme B Religion & life

- 1. Which word describes a process of change where an organism or species [1 mark] becomes better suited to its environment?
 - A) alienation
- B) anticipation
- C) animation
- D) adaptation
- 2. Describe two aspects of the story of the creation of Adam and Eve.

[2 marks]

Adam was made from the dust from the ground, God formed him, God breathed life into his nostrils, Eve was made as a helper/ companion to Adam, she was formed from Adam's side (sometimes translated 'rib')

3. Explain two aspects of evolution.

[4 marks]

Survival of the fittest> the most able organisms will live on in their habitat Adaptation> a process of change where an organism becomes better suited to its environment

Mutation: the changing of the genetic structure of a life-form that gives it different characteristics to its parents

4. Explain two beliefs about human life began.

[5 marks]

God used evolution to develop human life over millions of years "With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day" 2 Peter 3:8.

God literally made Adam from the dust of the ground and Eve from Adam's side (Genesis 2)

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5. 'The theory of evolution has disproved the Bible.'

[12 marks]

Some Christians agree:

Some Christians would say that the theory of evolution has shown the age of the earth, as taken from a literal reading of the Bible, is far too young and is in fact much older> this has led some Christians to take a less literal reading of the book of Genesis and instead of reading as a historic account, as a story to learn from.

The biblical account shows that the earth was made in 6 days, this goes against the evidence provided by scientific study.

It also casts doubt on the concept of Adam being made from dirt and Eve from his side

Some Christians disagree:

God is omnipotent and so is perfectly capable of making the earth in 6 days and making it look a lot older> some Christians would have no problem with this God could also make Adam from dirt and Eve from his side, he could breath life into his creation because he is God and he is omnipotent.

Some Christians would say that it has disproved the Bible as a historical document, but not as a book of wisdom and spiritual truth and take the message that God made us, we owe everything to him, he is the reason we have breath and that we have special responsibility because we are made in his image.