

Cults of America – Spring 2015 – Lewis – Sample Exam Questions

Below are samples of the types of exam questions that will be presented to students on the final exam.

1. A logical and rational refutation of a doctrine coupled with a positive statement of one's own doctrinal position
 - a. Apologetics
 - b. Elenctic Theology
 - c. Christian Evidences
 - d. Polemical Theology
 - e. Heresiology
2. A hierarchy of the intrinsic value of beings can be properly justified in the following worldview(s):
 - a. Monotheism, Pantheism, and Materialism
 - b. Monotheism and Pantheism
 - c. Pantheism only
 - d. Monotheism only
 - e. Materialism only
3. According to the professor, occult groups and practices are primarily associated with which worldview:
 - a. Pantheism
 - b. Polytheism
 - c. Atheism
 - d. Dualism
 - e. Deism
4. Postmodernism challenges the authority of the Bible by:
 - a. Adding Books to the Canon of Scripture
 - b. Claiming that objective truth is not knowable because we are prevented from knowing it due to our own worldview biases and individual perspectives.
 - c. Claiming the Bible is not inspired, but the individual prophet is inspired.
 - d. Claiming the Bible is not inspired by God and is merely the words of man.
5. A distinction between two independent things, that is, two essences or substances:
 - a. Real or Essential Distinction
 - b. Formal Distinction
 - c. Modal Distinction
 - d. Distinction by Reason of Analysis
 - e. Distinction by Reason Reasoning

6. Distinction by Reason of Analysis is:
 - a. A rational distinction having its foundation in an external thing
 - b. Employed to distinguish the divine attributes from the divine essence in order to maintain Divine Simplicity.
 - c. Similar to the concept of a “Virtual Distinction,” which is also employed in distinguishing the divine attributes
 - d. All the above
 - e. A and b only
7. If a person rejects the class of Trinitarian text which teaches the *simultaneous* distinction of Persons, this will result in:
 - a. Tritheism
 - b. Modalistic Monarchianism
 - c. Unitarianism
 - d. Arianism
 - e. Trinitarianism
8. Jesus is a mere man influenced or indwelt by divine power.
 - a. Dynamic Monarchianism
 - b. Arianism
 - c. Apollinarianism
 - d. Monophysitism
 - e. Dynamic Modalism
9. Apollinarianism should be rejected because, if it is affirmed:
 - a. Jesus could not die spiritually
 - b. Jesus could not be tempted
 - c. Jesus could not be sinless
 - d. All the above
 - e. A and b only
10. Regarding the Burden of Persuasion, the level of persuasion that mandates an intellectual commitment when the evidence persuades one that a proposition is merely more probably true than not (i.e., 51%) is known as:
 - a. Beyond a Reasonable Doubt
 - b. Clear and Convincing
 - c. Preponderance of the Evidence
 - d. Probable Cause
 - e. Reasonable Suspicion
11. Regarding religious knowledge in Mormonism, Mormon Epistemology (i.e. Knowledge) is best described as:
 - a. Pure Rationalism
 - b. Pure Mysticism
 - c. Pure Fideism
 - d. A combination of Fideism and Mysticism
 - e. A combination of Fideism and Rationalism

12. Raelians

- a. UFO Cult
- b. Arian Cult
- c. Fundamentalist LDS Sect
- d. Division of Scientology

13. Scientology teaches that “salvation” means one is “cleared” of all one’s engrams.

- a. True
- b. False