Theology

Examination Questions

Revelation & Inspiration

1. How is the Bible unique? What is inspiration? Do you subscribe to the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch? Reasons? Is Genesis 1-11 a historical record?
2. What is the difference between "revelation" and "philosophy?" How many types of revelation do we have? What is the difference between them?
3. What do you think about the trends to interpret the Bible on the basis of culture? Are its mandates absolute?

Theology (In most restrictive sense - GOD)

1. Who is God? Distinguish between the communicable and incommunicable attributes.
2. What is the cardinal doctrine of Calvinism with reference to God?
3. What would you say is the relationship of God to the world He created?
5. Define deism, theism, monotheism, polytheism, pantheism, panentheism, trinitarianism.
6. What do you mean by "Providence?" (Q & A 27)
7. State how the attributes of God influence and shape your view of prayer.
8. What is the significance of the Doctrine of Creation? What is panentheism? How is it distinct from pantheism?
9. What is meant when we call God our Father?
10. What is the doctrine of the Trinity? Is it found in the Bible or is it a human invention?

Anthropology (Man)

1. What (who) is man? What is "Imago Dei?" Does fallen man retain image? Calvin vs. Luther; Dichotomy vs. Trichotomy.
2. What are the three most widely-held theories regarding the origin of the soul? (Pre-existence; Traducianism; Creationism)
3. Does your view have a bearing upon abortion?
4. Was Adam a literal, historical figure? How do you know? (1 Cor. 15:22; Ro. 5:12)
5. Did God create man moral, immoral, or amoral? What happened to him? (Federal vs. Augustinian theology at this point.)
6. What is meant by "Total Depravity?" Can fallen man do any 'good?"
7. What is sin? How does man get to know his sin? What is the unpardonable sin? (Mk. 3:29)

Christology

1. What is meant by "Christ?" What was His origin? How many natures? Relationship to each other while He was on earth?
2. What does the word 'homoousios' mean? Why is it important?
3. What do we mean by "incarnation?" (The difference between the views of the Ebionites and the Docetists).
4. What are the so-called "states of Christ?" Which articles of the Apostles' Creed belong to each?
5. What offices did our Lord fulfill? Why?
6. What is meant by "atonement?" Give some theories. Which do you hold? (Ransom, Commercial, Moral Influence)
7. In what sense is Jesus Christ our High Priest?
8. What is meant by Christ's work of intercession?
9. What do you mean by "limited atonement?" How extensive is the efficacy of it? What is meant by the atonement's sufficiency?
10. What are the component parts of redemption? (What must I do to be saved?)
11. What is meant by propitiation? How is it distinct from expiation? Why is propitiation significant?
12. What is the purpose of the Law in salvation?
13. What relationship does Christ bear to the Covenant made with Abraham?
14. What is the benefit of covenant membership?

Pneumatology

1. Who is the Holy Spirit? What are His functions? When does one receive Him? (I Cor. 12:13)
2. Can you name some of the fruit and some of the gifts of the Spirit?
3. What positive contribution has the charismatic movement made to our understanding of God the Holy Spirit? (A second blessing?)
4. What does a charismatic mean by "Baptism of the Holy Spirit?" Critique the traditional Pentecostal view in light of your understanding of Reformed theology.

Ecclesiology

1. What is the Church? Distinguish between visible and invisible. (Ro. 9:6)
2. What would you say are the functions of the Church?
3. How is the Church a catalyst for personal healing?
4. What is the purpose of the Church?

Eschatology

1. What view do you hold relative to the second coming of Christ?
2. What alternative destinies confront the members of the human race?
3. State your view of the personal destiny of a soul that does not embrace Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
4. What is the essence of heaven? State your understanding of life in heaven.
5. How would you refute a Jehovah's Witness or a Seventh Day Adventist view of eternal punishment? (Jn. 5:28,29)
6. Conceivably, could you live in South Holland, Frankfort, etc. after the Second Advent?