

Advanced Theological Studies

Theology · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which influential 13th-century theologian authored the 'Summa Theologica' and proposed the 'Quinque viae' (Five Ways)?

- A) Anselm of Canterbury
- B) Thomas Aquinas**
- C) Duns Scotus
- D) William of Ockham

2. In Christian theology, what is the specific term for the doctrine concerning the nature and person of Jesus Christ?

- A) Soteriology
- B) Eschatology
- C) Christology**
- D) Pneumatology

3. The concept of 'creatio ex nihilo' is a fundamental theological doctrine asserting that the universe was created from:

- A) Pre-existing chaotic matter
- B) Nothingness**
- C) The divine substance
- D) An eternal cosmic egg

4. Which significant event in 1517 is widely cited as the catalyst for the Protestant Reformation?

- A) The Diet of Worms
- B) The publication of the Marburg Articles
- C) Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses**
- D) The Council of Trent

5. What is the primary focus of the theological discipline known as 'Eschatology'?

- A) The study of the nature of the church
- B) The study of the Holy Spirit
- C) The study of final events and the end of history**
- D) The study of human salvation

6. Which major branch of theology focuses specifically on the doctrine of salvation?

- A) Soteriology**
- B) Theodicy
- C) Ecclesiology
- D) Apologetics

7. The 'Filioque' clause, a major point of contention in the Great Schism of 1054, concerns which aspect of the Nicene Creed?

- A) The humanity of Christ
- B) The procession of the Holy Spirit**
- C) The nature of the Eucharist
- D) The authority of the papacy

8. What is the formal theological term for the philosophical attempt to reconcile the existence of an omnipotent, benevolent God with the presence of evil?

- A) Ontology
- B) Teleology
- C) Theodicy**
- D) Hermeneutics

9. In Islamic theology, what is the term for the fundamental profession of faith, stating there is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger?

- A) Zakat
- B) Hajj
- C) Shahada**
- D) Sawm

10. Which ecumenical council, held between 1545 and 1563, served as the formal Roman Catholic response to the Protestant Reformation?

- A) Council of Nicaea
- B) Council of Trent**
- C) Council of Chalcedon
- D) Second Vatican Council

11. In the context of biblical hermeneutics, what does the term 'exegesis' primarily refer to?

- A) The subjective interpretation of text
- B) The critical explanation or interpretation of a text**
- C) The creative writing of new scripture
- D) The historical suppression of religious documents

12. Who is the author of 'The Institutes of the Christian Religion', a foundational work of Reformed theology?

- A) Huldrych Zwingli
- B) John Calvin**
- C) Philip Melancthon
- D) John Knox

13. The doctrine of 'Impanation' was an alternative theological explanation for the Eucharist primarily associated with which reformer?

- A) Martin Luther**
- B) John Wycliffe
- C) Andreas Karlstadt
- D) Huldrych Zwingli

14. Which philosophical and theological movement in the 19th century emphasized the subjective, individual experience of faith over systemic dogma?

- A) Scholasticism
- B) Existentialism**
- C) Rationalism
- D) Gnosticism

15. What is the theological significance of the term 'Hypostatic Union' in Christology?

- A) The union of the Old and New Testaments
- B) The union of divinity and humanity in the single person of Jesus**
- C) The union of the church with the state
- D) The union of the soul with the divine in death