**CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES - 2nd EXAM**

**Inspiration of the Bible**

**- Study Guide for Online Exam -**

* This study guide is to be used to prepare for the online exam. Please do not submit this study guide as your exam.
* The number of points for each question is indicated in parentheses ( ).
* The numbers in brackets [ ] after each question are the page numbers in the Course Notes and/or the scripture citation that the question is based upon.
* Exams can be located on the course page under the “Exams” tab. Each online exam can only be submitted once.

1. (1) What term applies to the overall process by which God made His message known to humanity? [46]

a.

2. (2) What are two categories of information the Bible’s message contains, as described in this course? [47-48]

a.

b.

3. (1) List the “known facts” the Bible writers used in their writings. [47-48]

a.

b.

c.

4. (3) The description for how the Bible was inspired is sometimes termed, “verbal, plenary inspiration.” Provide the erroneous (incorrect) proposed means of inspiration with the reason for not being correct. [48-49]

a. The writers never credited the work to human reason, but to God. = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

b. The writers conveyed that the very words given were very important. = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

c. There is both language variation and interpersonal references that are found throughout the Bible. = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. (5) Give the significant numbers discussed with their evidence for the unity of the Bible. [51-52]

a. Timespan for the Bible to be written = \_\_\_\_\_\_

b. Number of biblical writers (approximate) = \_\_\_\_\_\_

c. Languages of original texts = \_\_\_\_\_\_

d. Number of regions writers were located = \_\_\_\_\_\_

e. Theme of the Bible = \_\_\_\_\_\_

6. (1) One example of the Bible’s consistency is seen in how the content is addressed throughout. What is an aspect of the Flood account that we see consistent in the Bible’s references? [54]

a.

7. (1) Provide the pair of Bible writers where one writer specifically referenced another writer as someone who spoke or wrote God’s message listed in the Course Notes. [55]

a.

b.

c.

d.

8. (1) How does the number of ancient manuscripts of the New Testament compare with other ancient writings, such as Homer’s *Illiad*, Tacitus’ *Annals*, or Plato’s *Tetralogies*? [57]

a.

9. (1) What does the Bible contain that can be used to help evaluate whether it is inspired by God? [59]

a.

b.

c.

10. (1) How are the Bible’s details different from any number of detailed fictional writings, such as *Spiderman*, *Harry Potter*, or *The Lord of the Rings*? [59]

a.

11. (1) From the archaeological evidence discussed in class, what artifact is considered the earliest extra-biblical reference to the name of Israel? [69]

a.

12. (1) What important royal house of Israel was referenced on the Tel Dan Stele? [69]

a.

13. (6) Give the biblical name with the artifact that references their existence. [68-72]

a. Pilate Inscription = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

b. Sennacherib’s Annals = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

c. Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser III = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

d. Tel Dan Stele = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

e. Mesha Stele = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

f. Soleb Inscription = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. (3) What three (3) principles of interpretation are important to remember when beginning to consider an alleged contradiction? [77]

a.

b.

c.

15. (4) List the questions of evaluation that we discussed that help identify whether a contradiction is present? [77]

a.

b.

c.

d.

16. (5) For your memory work the following verses will be included as part of the course exam. The verses will be given with certain words left out. The students will be required to fill in the blanks to complete the verses. The text will be given in the four versions of KJV, NKJV, NASB and ESV. The student will simply fill in the blanks on the version they use for their study.

* 2 Timothy 3:16-17
* 2 Peter 1:20-21
* Matthew 5:17
* Galatians 3:16
* 1 Corinthians 2:13