

Presbytery of Southwest Florida

Examination for Licensure/Ordination

DO NOT LOOK AT EXAMS UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO TAKE THEM!

Directions for the Exams

1. Find time: three hours should be more than enough.
2. Find a place where you are not distracted and where you will not be tempted to pick up a helpful book.
3. You may take the three exams in any order you desire.
4. When finished, return the exams to:

5. Sign the following pledge of integrity.

“I have not, and will not, duplicate any material found in these exams.

I will not assist other examinees by disclosing the specific questions in this exam.

*I did not receive or use unfair assistance in taking of this exam. During the exam, I did not consult either a Bible, a copy of the church standards, a B.O.C.O., and personal notes, or any other book or reference too.”

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Signature

*(This does not apply to the question regarding your exceptions to the doctrinal standards).

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THEOLOGY

(Please answer according to your own view).

1. Have you thoroughly read the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechism?
Yes
2. Do you have significant disagreements with these documents? (please describe your exceptions to the church standards on a separate sheet).
No.
3. What is to be our final authority for both faith and practice?
The Holy Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments.
4. Of the following, which are inspired by God? (circle all correct answers)
 - a. The King James Version
 - b. The Westminster Standards
 - c. The books of the Old Testament and New Testament as originally penned.
 - d. The decision of church councils.

(On questions 5-10, circle True or False)

5. T F Moses was the author of the Pentateuch.
6. T F The Bible reflects pre-scientific misunderstandings of certain phenomena.
7. T F The miracles in Scripture are to be interpreted as genuinely supernatural historical events.
8. T F The ideas of Scripture are inspired, but not the words.
9. T F God is revealed to men through creation.
10. T F The Bible is infallible, but not inerrant.

Theology

11. Identify the correct description of the Trinity. Circle your answer.

- a. There is one God who takes three forms
- b. There are three Gods, but only one person.
- c. There is one God subsisting in three persons.

12. Jesus is (pick one):

- a. God is in human body.
- b. Fully God and fully man.
- c. God in that God worked through him.
- d. Part God and part man.

13. God's sovereignty means:

- a. He controls all things.
- b. He controls whatever He wants.
- c. Man's actions aren't important.

14. What makes man distinct from the animals?

He is made in the image of God.

15. Circle all correct statements:

- a. Natural man cannot do anything pleasing to God.
- b. Natural man is morally corrupt.
- c. All men are as evil as possible.
- d. A natural man can repent and receive Christ.

16. T F God predestines men to heaven or to hell.

(I'd probably be more comfortable saying God predestines some men to heaven and others he passes by leaving them in their sins, although they are responsible for their sin and unbelief.)

17. T F Christ bore the sins of every man in his atoning death.

18. T F God elects to salvation those He knew would believe the gospel.

19. T F Faith precedes regeneration.

20. T F Water baptism is not essential for salvation.

21. T F God calls all men by His Spirit, but some refuse to come.

22. T F Those who truly believe in Christ will never lose their salvation.

23. Give the ordo salutis (order of salvation).

Those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he may be the firstborn among many brethren. Those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. (Rom. 8).

That's the big picture. I would plug in a couple others as well...

Predestination > Calling > Regeneration > Faith > Justification > Adoption > Sanctification > Glorification

Theology

36. Who are proper candidates for baptism?

Professors of faith in Christ and their children.

37. Infant baptism is proper because: (circle all correct answers)

- a. Under the Abrahamic covenant, children of believers were circumcised.
- b. In the book of Acts the apostles baptized whole households.
- c. It is essential for the child's salvation.
- d. The church has always done it.
- e. It ensures that the child will one day be saved.

38. In the Lord's Supper:

I believe Christ is spiritually present in the Lord's Supper, we feed upon him in our hearts and are therefore spiritually nourished and receive grace through this sacrament.

- a. Grace is infused through the elements.
- b. The elements become the body and blood of Jesus.
- c. We remember the person and death of Jesus Christ.

39. T F God does not allow a woman to be an elder of the church.

40. The explanation of suffering in our world is:

- a. God is not a God of love.
- b. God is not all powerful.
- c. People are not claiming their victory.
- d. All of the above.
- e. None of the above.

**Southwest Florida Presbytery
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OLD TESTAMENT

Identify these major dates of Old Testament History:

1. 1446 The Exodus
2. 933 Israel becomes a divided kingdom—Israel (north), Judah (south).
3. 722 The fall of Israel. Israel is taken in to exile by Assyria.
4. 586 The fall of Judah. Judah is taken into exile by Babylon.

What did God create on each of the six days of Creation?

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| 5. Day 1 | Light and Dark. | 6. Day 2 | Heavenly lights (Sun, moon, stars) |
| 7. Day 3 | Sky and Sea | 8. Day 4 | Birds and fish |
| 9. Day 5 | Land | 10. Day 6 | Animals, humans |

Give the correct chapter in Genesis for each of the following:

11. The Fall 3
12. The protoevangelium 3
13. The Flood 6 (6-10)
14. The Call of Abraham 12
15. The Institution of Circumcision 17

Give the correct chapter in Exodus for each of the following:

16. The burning bush 3
17. The Passover 12
18. The giving of the Law (Decalogue) 20

What were the names of the two spies that came back from Canaan saying to the Israelites under Moses to forward?

19. Joshua
20. Caleb

English Bible – Old Testament

Give the names of four judges whom God used to protect His people before the monarchy was established.

21. Ehud
22. Deborah
23. Gideon
24. Sampson

Briefly identify the following:

25. Hannah – Mother of Samuel
26. Obed – Descendent of Boaz. Father of Jesse, grandfather of David.
27. Hophni and Phinehas – 2 priests who were killed by the Lord for their sin of disobedience.
28. Uriah – Husband of Bathsheba. David gave order to have him killed in battle.
29. Uzzah – Killed for reaching out and touching the Ark of the Covenant.
30. Naomi – Ruth's Mother-in-law. The one to whom Ruth clung to after losing her husband.

Match the following:

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| 31. Jeroboam | <u> B </u> | a. Last King of Israel |
| 32. Rehoboam | <u> C </u> | b. First King of Israel – Divided Kingdom |
| 33. Hezekiah | <u> D </u> | c. First King of Judah – Divided Kingdom |
| 34. Josiah | <u> E </u> | d. life extended |
| 35. Hoshea | <u> A </u> | e. revival occurred in his reign |

Name the prophet who:

36. Isaiah wrote “He was bruised for our transgressions”
37. Ezekiel was given to night visions.
38. Daniel read writing on the wall.
39. Hosea married a prostitute.
40. Habbakuk wrote “the just shall live by faith”

English Bible – Old Testament

Write the Names of the Twelve Minor Prophets

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| 41. Hosea | 42. Micah | 43. Zephaniah |
| 44. Joel | 45. Nahum | 46. Haggai |
| 47. Jonah | 48. Obadiah | 49. Zechariah |
| 50. Amos | 51. Habakkuk | 52. Malachi |

Give the correct book and chapter for each of the following:

53. Covenant with David: 2 Samuel 7
54. David's penitential psalm after adultery with Bathsheba: Psalm 51
55. The description of an excellent woman: Proverbs 31
56. The commissioning of Isaiah: Isaiah 6

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Give the correct book and chapter for the following:

Give two chapters containing the genealogies of Jesus:

57. Matthew 1
58. Luke 1
59. "God is a Spirit" 1 John 4
60. "Go ye therefore and make disciples" Matthew 28
61. "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author..." Hebrews 12
62. "Amen. Come Lord Jesus" Revelation 22
63. "Faith, if it has no works, is dead" James 2
64. "Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities" Romans 13
65. "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God to serve tables" Acts 6

English Bible – New Testament

Where do you find the lists of qualifications for elders and deacons?

66. 1 Timothy 3

67. Titus 1

68. Where do you find mention of the 1000 year reign of Christ? Revelation 20

Match the following characteristics with the appropriate gospel.

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| 69. Fast moving | <u>B</u> | a. Matthew |
| 70. Jewish flavor | <u>A</u> | b. Mark |
| 71. Addressed to Theophilus | <u>C</u> | c. Luke |
| 72. Judean ministry receives much attention | <u>D</u> | d. John |

Match the appropriate City with Paul's journey.

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| 73. Iconium | <u>C</u> | a. 1 st Journey |
| 74. Thessalonica | <u>B</u> | b. 2 nd Journey |
| 75. Athens | <u>A</u> | c. 3 rd Journey |
| 76. Ephesus | <u>B</u> | |
| 77. Lystra, Derbe | <u>A</u> | |

Give the names of the four "Prison Epistles" of Paul.

78. Ephesians

79. Philippians

80. Colossians

81. Philemon

General Bible Questions:

82. What country sent the northern Kingdom of Israel into exile? Assyria

83. Paul's Acts 17 address to Stoic and Epicurean philosophers took place in what city? Athens

84. The capitol of the Northern Kingdom was Samaria.

85. In spite of being Persian, Cyrus was called the "anointed of God".

86. Which prophet foretold Christ's birth in Bethlehem? Micah

87. The Song of Mary (the Magnificat) is found in what book? Luke

88. Name the woman who protected the spies in Jericho? Rahab

89. What is the longest chapter in the Bible? Psalm 119

90. Name of the prophet who reproved David. Nathan

English Bible – General Questions

Give the correct book and chapter for the following:

91. “Husband, love your wives” _____ Ephesians 5
92. “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God” _____ Matthew 16 (Mark 8)
93. “Come unto me, all you who are weary and heavy laden” _____ Matthew 11
94. “Rejoice in the Lord always, and again...” _____ Philippians 4
95. “For what I received from the Lord, I also passed on to you...” _____ 1 Tim. 2
96. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding.”
Prov. 3

97. “The Lord is my Shepherd” _____ Psalm 23
98. “Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly...” _____ Psalm 1
99. “Hear O Israel! The Lord our God is one!” _____ Deuteronomy 6
100. Who was the shortest man in the Bible?
- Nehemiah
 - The night guard who slept on his watch
 - Bildad the Shuhite
 - Zaccheus

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Church Government, Discipline and Book of Church Order

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1. The three major parts of the Book of Church Order are:

- a. Form of Government
- b. Rules of Discipline
- c. Directory of Worship

2. Have you read the Book of Church Order?

Yes X No _____

3. What makes up the constitution of the PCA?

Westminster Confession of Faith, The Westminster Larger & Shorter Catechisms, Book of Church Order

4. How many types of officers are there in a PCA church? 2 Name them.

Elder & Deacon

5. A particular church may be organized by whom?

It may be organized by a Presbytery. It may be started as a mission church with the goal of getting it's own permanent session and being particularized.

6. For what reasons may a particular church withdraw from the PCA?

I'm not sure on this one. I was going to answer "doctrinal or polity reasons" but I believe the presbytery would handle those issues.

7. Of the following, which have voting rights on the Session? Circle all correct answers.

- a. Pastor
- b. Assistant Pastor
- c. Associate Pastor
- d. Deacon
- e. Ruling Elder

8. The courts of the PCA are:

Session

Presbytery

General Assembly

9. What is the difference between a committee and a commission?

A committee is appointed by a church court to look into a certain issue and report back to that church court with their findings.

A commission is appointed by a church court and given the authority to handle or rule on the particular issue assigned to them.

Church Government, Discipline and the Book of Church Order

10. Which of the following requires a congregational or corporational meeting?

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| a. Approval of budget | d. Calling of Assistant Pastor |
| b. Election of Officers | e. Purchase or sale of real property |
| c. Calling of a pastor | f. Appointing of a pulpit committee |

11. Briefly, name the purpose of church discipline.

To protect the doctrine of the church, to bring back the erring, to protect the honor of Christ. The goal in church discipline is leading one to repentance and restoration.

12. Name the four types of censures.

Admonition

Suspension

Excommunication

Deposition

13. Which of the four in question 12 is the most serious? Excommunication

14. Who are the members of a particular church? Professors of Christ and their children.

15. Name three responsibilities of the deacons? Visit the sick, care for the needy, to pray for them

16. A teaching elder holds membership in and is under the discipline of whom? The presbytery

17. What options are provided for those who disagree with the actions of a particular church court?
They can file a complaint or if they're on the receiving end of a judgment they disagree with they can file an appeal to a higher court.

18. Check all blanks.

| | Session | Presbytery | General Assembly |
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| Determines denominational missions strategy | _____ | _____ | _____ X _____ |
| Ordains and installs pastors | _____ | _____ X _____ | _____ |
| Oversees the development of new churches | _____ | _____ X _____ | _____ |
| Final Court | _____ | _____ | _____ X _____ |
| Teaching elders are members of | _____ | _____ X _____ | _____ |
| Approves changes in Book of Church Order | _____ | _____ | _____ X _____ |
| Approves denominational budget | _____ | _____ | _____ X _____ |
| Initial court of discipline | _____ X _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Ruling elders may be commissioners to: | _____ | _____ X _____ | _____ |
| Admits and dismisses church members | _____ X _____ | _____ | _____ |