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Essential Reminders as you prepare for the Examination on Theology, Sacraments, and Reformed Tradition

Read the *Leadership Training Guide*. Available online at www.epc.org/downloads or for purchase at www.epcresources.org.

Read the Westminster Confession of Faith **and** both the Larger and Shorter Catechisms. Available online at www.epc.org/downloads.

Read *Liberty in Non-Essentials: The Story of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church*. Available for purchase at www.epcresources.org

Have knowledge of the principal characters in the life of the Church (cf. *Leadership Training Guide*).

The Types of Questions You Will Be Asked*

*Note: these are only examples of the type and scope of questions that will be asked.

General Theology examples:

1. Define *perichoresis* and explain its significance.
2. What is the doctrine of the *hypostatic union*?
3. What is the *kenosis* passage and what is its meaning?
4. What does it mean for Jesus to be the *firstborn*?
5. Is salvation by faith or by works or both? Provide scriptural support for your answer.

Reformed Theology examples:

1. What is meant by *sola Scriptura*? Why does the Confession of Faith insist that neither new revelations of the Spirit or traditions of men should ever be added to the Scriptures?
2. Defend the deity of each person of the Trinity, with Scriptural proof.
3. According to the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, who is the supreme judge of all religious councils? (WCF 1.10)



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4. According to the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, how do God's omniscience and foreknowledge relate and differ? (WCF 3.2)
5. Describe the interworking of "first cause" and "secondary causes." (WCF 5.2)
6. Define the *Five Solas* and state what they spoke against.
7. Is the "rapture" a biblical doctrine? Explain.

Multiple Choice examples:

1. The doctrine of imputation teaches that:
 - a. Adam's sin is imputed to us because he is our natural federal head.
 - b. God imputes or accredits the righteousness and suffering of Jesus to those who are in Him .
 - c. God imputes the sins of those redeemed to Christ.
 - d. All the above.
 - e. Only "a."
2. The providence of God is the working of God's sovereignty to:
 - a. Do anything He wants to do.
 - b. Accomplish His will without any human involvement.
 - c. Continually uphold, guide, and care for His creation.
 - d. Compel a person to sin to accomplish His purposes.
 - e. None of the above.

Matching Questions examples: (Match the person with his contribution to American Presbyterian)

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| 1. Henry B. Smith | A. New School revivalist, President of Lane Seminary, tried for heresy. |
| 2. Lyman Beecher | B. New School Professor at Union Seminary, instrumental in OS/NS Reunion. |
| 3. Harry Emerson Fosdick | C. Preached the sermon, "Shall the Fundamentalists Win?" |
| 4. B.B. Warfield | D. Princeton professor, author of <i>Inspiration and Authority of the Bible</i> . |



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Short Essay examples:

1. What is justification? What is the reason this doctrine is critical? Provide scriptural support.
2. What role does the Holy Spirit play in salvation? Provide scriptural support.
3. What are the marks of the true church (according to Reformed theology)?
4. What was the significance of Luther's posting of the 95 Theses? What issue was at stake?