

**The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
Study Questions for Presbytery Examinations**

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| A. Locate or outline | C. Discuss | E. Interpret or apply |
| B. Identify or define | D. Compare | |

PERSONS, PLACES, EVENTS, BOOKS, THEMES

Old Testament		
1. First promise of gospel	17. Cities of Refuge	33. Imprecatory Psalms
2. Days of creation	18. Judges	34. Exodus from Egypt
3. Covenant with Noah	19. Deborah	35. Suffering Servant
4. Abraham's righteousness	20. Ruth	36. Jeroboam
5. Sign of the covenant	21. Saul	37. Samaria
6. Jerusalem	22. David	38. Sinai
7. Jacob's flight	23. Division of Kingdom	39. Bethel
8. Twelve tribes	24. Josiah	40. Babylon
9. Joseph	25. Elijah	41. Daniel
10. Ten Commandments	26. 8th Century Prophets	42. Assyria
11. Moses	27. Messianic Prophecies	43. _____
12. Wilderness wanderings	28. Jeremiah	44. _____
13. Joshua	29. Son of Man	45. _____
14. Sacrificial system	30. Exilic Prophets	46. _____
15. Tithing	31. Ezra and Nehemiah	47. _____
16. Achan	32. Messianic Psalms	48. _____
New Testament		
1. Synoptic Gospels	16. Marriage and divorce	31. Numbers in Revelation
2. Matthew	17. Lord's Supper	32. Parables
3. Jesus and Scriptures	18. Spiritual gifts	33. Miracles
4. Sermon on the Mount	19. Love	34. Macedonia
5. Passion week	20. Resurrection	35. Bethany
6. Prodigal Son	21. Galatians	36. Antioch
7. Temptations of Jesus	22. Ephesians	37. Bethlehem
8. Disciples	23. Romans	38. Nazareth
9. High Priestly prayer	24. Colossians	39. Rome
10. "I am" statements	25. Return of the Lord	40. Missionary journeys
11. Acts 15	26. II Timothy 3:16	41. _____
12. First martyr	27. Hebrews	42. _____
13. Gospel to Europe	28. James and Paul	43. _____
14. Farewell to Ephesian elders	29. I John	44. _____
15. Romans	30. Book of Revelation	45. _____

Sample Questions for Presbytery Examinations (BIBLE)

Old Testament

1. Locate the first promise of the gospel. (A.1)
2. Discuss the covenant promise that God made to Noah. (C.3)
3. Identify the basis of Abraham's righteousness. (B.4)
4. Compare the two places where the Ten Commandments are found. (D.10)
5. Interpret the sacrificial system. (E.14)
6. Locate passages on tithing in the Old Testament. (A.15)
7. Identify Deborah. (B.19)
8. Discuss the career of David. (C.22)
9. Compare two messianic prophecies in the Book of Isaiah. (D.27)
10. Apply the Imprecatory Psalms to the practice of Christianity today. (E.33)

New Testament

1. Compare the Synoptic Gospels and John. (D.1)
2. Locate the Sermon on the Mount. (A.4)
3. Discuss the missionary journeys of Paul. (C.40)
4. Interpret *four* of the "I am" statements made by Jesus. (E.10)
5. Outline the Book of Romans. (A.15)
6. Discuss how Christ is presented in the Book of Colossians. (C.24)
7. Identify the theme of the Book of Hebrews. (B.27)
8. Compare the teachings of James and Paul on "justification by faith." (D.28)
9. Identify the theme of the Book of Revelation. (B.30)
10. Interpret II Timothy 3:16. (E.26)
11. Locate Bethany. (A.35)

THEOLOGY
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Give short answers, i.e. 2 or 3 sentences, less than 50 words.

- A. Identify or define _____.
- B. Discuss one or more Biblical passages which are significant for _____.
- C. Discuss the relationship between _____ and _____.
- D. Discuss the ARP and/or Reformed position on _____.
 • If your personal view differs from this position, state it.
- E. Compare and contrast the ARP and/or Reformed position on _____ with that of other traditions.

DOCTRINES, ISSUES, THEOLOGIES, AND THEOLOGIANS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Revelation 2. Special Revelation 3. Scripture <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. authority (sola) Canon/autographa 5. inspiration 6. interpretation 7. Doctrine of God <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Trinity 9. attributes 10. Sovereignty 11. Theodicy 12. predestination 13. Creation 14. Providence 15. Angels <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Satan/demons 17. Christ <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. natures 19. offices 20. Incarnation 21. Virgin Birth 22. Life 23. Death/atonement 24. Resurrection 25. Ascension 26. Holy Spirit 27. man/anthropology 28. responsibility 29. sin/original | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 30. Christian life <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 31. adoption 32. calling 33. election 34. faith 35. glorification 36. grace 37. justification 38. law 39. perseverance 40. regeneration 41. repentance 42. resurrection 43. sanctification 44. spiritual gifts 45. union with Christ 46. works 47. Church <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 48. & World/State 49. visible & invisible 50. government 51. officers 52. discipline 53. baptism 54. Lord's supper 55. worship 56. regulative principle 57. eschatology 58. kingdom of God 59. millennial views | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 60. heaven 61. hell 62. ethics 63. abortion 64. alcohol 65. capital punishment 66. euthanasia 67. homosexuality 68. lay ministry 69. ministry of women 70. poverty 71. church growth 72. creeds 73. covenant theology 74. liberation theology 75. Theonomy 76. dispensationalism 77. order of salvation 78. apologetics 79. evangelism 80. world missions 81. John Calvin 82. Martin Luther 83. Karl Barth 84. Paul Tillich 85. Cornelius Val Til 86. Francis Schaeffer 87. _____ 88. _____ 89. _____ |
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SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR PRESBYTERY EXAMINATIONS (THEOLOGY)

1. Discuss the ARP and/or Reformed position on the offices of Christ. (D.19)
2. Discuss one or more Biblical passages which are significant for original sin. (B.29)
3. Define adoption. (A.31)
4. Discuss the relationship between grace and law. (C.36/38)
5. Discuss one or more Biblical passages which are significant for baptism. (B.53)
6. Compare and contrast the ARP's understanding of hell with that of other traditions. (E.61)
7. Compare and contrast the ARP's understanding of the ministry of women with that of other traditions. (E.69)
8. Discuss the relationship between the authority of Scripture and creeds. (C.4/72)
9. Discuss the ARP and/or Reformed position on liberation theology. (D.74)
10. Identify Cornelius Van Til. (A.85)

CHURCH HISTORY

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Give short answers, i.e. 2 or 3 sentences, less than 50 words.

- A. Identify or define _____.
- B. Discuss _____ in terms of its significance for the Church today.
- C. Discuss the relationship between _____ and _____.
- D. Describe the importance of _____ to enable you to provide leadership for the ARP Church.
- E. State your personal view of _____.

PERSONS, PLACES, EVENTS, AND DOCUMENTS

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| 1. Apostolic Fathers | 30. Babylonian Captivity | 54. Pietism |
| 2. Justin Martyr | 31. Wycliffe | 55. John Wesley |
| 3. Irenaeus | 32. Renaissance | 56. George Whitfield |
| 4. Montanists | 33. Reformation | 57. Gilbert Tennent |
| 5. Early persecution | 34. Anabaptists | 58. Romanticism |
| 6. Marcion | 35. Counter Reformation | 59. Unitarianism |
| 7. Tertullian | 36. Anglicanism | 60. Transcendentalism |
| 8. Rise of episcopacy | 37. John Knox | 61. William Carey |
| 9. Cyprian | 38. Arminianism | 62. William Wilberforce |
| 10. Origen | 39. Each name: Associate,
Reformed,
Presbyterian | 63. Abolitionism |
| 11. Arius | 40. National Covenant | 64. William Booth |
| 12. Conciliarism | 41. John McMillan | 65. Revivalism |
| 13. Nicea | 42. John Cuthbertson | 66. Charles G. Finney |
| 14. Athanasius | 43. Gairney Bridge | 67. Mercersburg |
| 15. Chalcedon | 44. Ebenezer Erskine | 68. Charles Hodge |
| 16. Monasticism | 45. Gellatly & Arnot | 69. Horace Bushnell |
| 17. Constantine | 46. Synod of the A.R.
Church in NA, 1782 | 70. Modernism |
| 18. Augustine | 47. Synod of the South
(1803 & 1822) | 71. Fundamentalism |
| 19. Pelagius | 48. Protestant Orthodoxy | 72. Albert Schweitzer |
| 20. Leo the Great | 49. Westminster
Assembly | 73. Social Gospel |
| 21. Gregory the Great | 50. Puritanism | 74. Ecumenism |
| 22. Mohammedanism | 51. Jonathan Edwards | 75. Pentecostalism |
| 23. Charlemagne | 52. Francis Makemie | 76. Holiness Movement |
| 24. Hildebrand | 53. Subscriptionism | 77. Charismatic Movement |
| 25. Scholasticism | | 78. _____ |
| 26. Anselm | | 79. _____ |
| 27. Abelard | | 80. _____ |
| 28. Aquinas | | 81. _____ |
| 29. 4th Lateran Council | | 82. _____ |

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR PRESBYTERY EXAMINATIONS (CHURCH HISTORY)

1. Identify the Montanists. (A.4)
2. Define Conciliarism. (A.12)
3. Discuss Chalcedon in terms of its significance for the Church today. (B.15)
4. Discuss William Carey in terms of his significance for the Church today. (B.61)
5. Discuss the relationship between Augustine and Pelagius. (C.18/19)
6. Discuss the relationship between the Renaissance and the Reformation. (C.32/33)
7. Describe the importance of the Westminster Assembly to enable you to provide leadership for the ARP Church. (D.49)
8. Describe the importance of Charles G. Finney to enable you to provide leadership for the ARP Church. (C.66)
9. Discuss the importance of Ecumenism to enable you to provide leadership for the ARP Church. (D.74)
10. Discuss the Charismatic Movement in terms of its significance for the Church today. (B.77)

POLITY

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1. Identify who has primary responsibility for
 - a. Calling a congregational meeting
 - b. Preparing a budget
 - c. Organizing a congregation
 - d. Supervising foreign missionaries
 - e. Ordaining minister
 - f. Calling a pastor
 - g. Amending *Form of Government*
 - h. Renovating church property
 - i. Ordaining a deacon
 - j. Overseeing worship services
 - k. Selling church property
 - l. Caring for church cemetery
 - m. Dissolving a pastoral relationship
 - n. Overseeing Erskine College
 - o. Hiring Director of Church Extension
 - p. Receiving a new member
 - q. Overseeing local Christian Education
 - r. Music used in a congregation
 - s. _____
 - t. _____
2. Identify who has original jurisdiction over
 - a. Ordained minister
 - b. Church member
 - c. Principal Clerk of Synod
 - d. Missionary
 - e. Seminary professor
 - f. _____
3. Identify, define or discuss
 - a. Quorum for Session meeting
 - b. Forms of church government
 - c. Membership rolls
 - d. Members of Synod
 - e. Number of delegates (Presbytery)
 - f. Voting by proxy (congregational meeting)
 - g. Mission developer
 - h. Board, Commission and Committee
 - i. Biblical basis for infant baptism
 - j. Ruling elder
 - k. Deacon
 - l. Ordained minister
 - m. Minister voting at Session
 - n. Instructing delegate how to vote
 - o. Officers of the General Synod
 - p. Union with another denomination
 - q. Congregation leaving denomination
 - r. Church censure
 - s. Appeal in judicial proceedings
 - t. Marriage of a divorced person
 - u. Candidates for baptism
 - v. Pastor's duty to perform a marriage
 - w. Private baptisms
 - x. Modes of baptism
 - y. Baptism a second time
 - z. Children taking Communion
 - aa. _____
 - bb. _____

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR PRESBYTERY EXAMINATIONS POLITY)

1. Identify who has primary responsibility for amending the *Form of Government*. (1.g)
2. Identify who has original jurisdiction over a missionary. (2.d)
3. Identify the three forms of church government. (3.b)
4. Identify who has primary responsibility for overseeing worship services. (1.j)
5. Identify who has original jurisdiction over an ordained minister. (2.a)
6. Define Board, Commission and Committee. (3.h)
7. Discuss voting by proxy at a congregational meeting. (3.f)
8. Discuss a Session instructing its elder representative on how to vote at Presbytery or Synod. (3.n)
9. Identify who has primary responsibility for hiring a Director of Church Extension. (1.o)
10. Identify the officers of the General Synod. (3.0)

PASTORAL CARE

Describe how you would deal with the following issues or events (Pastoral style and content)

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| 1. Homosexual | 9. Evangelism | 17. Leadership |
| 2. Abortion | 10. Unbelieving | 18. Church conflict |
| 3. Funeral | 11. Remarriage | 19. Assurance of salvation |
| 4. Wedding | 12. Church attendance | 20. Restoration |
| 5. Cult member | 13. Suicide | 21. Confidentiality |
| 6. Church discipline | 14. Grief | 22. _____ |
| 7. Baptism | 15. Pastoral oversight | 23. _____ |
| 8. Divorce | 16. Unfaithfulness | 24. _____ |

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR PRESBYTERY EXAMINATIONS PASTORAL CARE

1. Describe your Pastoral style and the content of your advice when encountering a Jehovah's Witness. (5)
2. Describe your Pastoral style and the content of your remarks in conducting a Baptism. (8)
3. Describe your Pastoral style and the content of your advice to a former Methodist who became upset at a sermon you preached on predestination. (16)
4. Describe your Pastoral style and the content of your advice when the Board of Deacons ignores a decision of the Session. (18/19)
5. Describe your Pastoral style and the content of your advice in counseling someone contemplating suicide. (14)
6. Describe your Pastoral style and the content of your advice in counseling someone who has not been faithful in Church attendance. (13)