



HC1 Midterm Exam Study Guide



The Midterm will cover all of the textbook and lecture material contained in modules 1-8.

The Midterm will contain two parts. The first part will be objective short answer. The second will be short essay. Below you have been given an answer sheet for the objective short answer questions and a list of possible essay questions.

I suggest you study from general to specific. In other words, start by reviewing the major events and major people and then branch out to the accompanying events and other people. Start with the big picture and then move to the details.

The exam will not just test your memorization of information, but your grasp of the concepts. Therefore, always ask the connections of people and events. “What caused this event?”, “Why did they do that?”, “What was the result of this event?”, “What is the impact/legacy of this person?” etc. Take into account social/political forces, but especially look at theological/ideological forces including the writings left by these people and their impact.

I suggest you keep this study guide handy as you work through the course material in order to highlight those items that may appear on the exam. You can prepare for the midterm by reviewing your lecture notes, the review slides, and the Gonzalez textbook, using the organizations highlighted there.

Below are the possible essay questions. The test will ask one or more of these questions. You won't know which one(s) until the exam.

1. Describe the variety of ways that the early church responded to pagan culture, and the long-term result of each approach.
2. Describe the causes and long-term results of persecution against Christians.
3. Describe the contributions of the early apologists. What issues did they address and how did they advocate for Christianity?
4. Describe the worship and discipleship activities of the early church. Describe how these activities strengthened and/or weakened the church.
5. Describe the impacts of Constantine on the church – both the immediate and long-term results.
6. Describe the various forms of monasticism and their long-term impact on the church.
7. Describe the Arian controversy and how the church responded.
8. Describe the life and contribution of Athanasius.
9. Describe the Christological controversies, what issues were debated, why these issues mattered, and the response of the church.

Below are all of the correct answers for the short answer objective portion of the exam. You may use an unmarked copy of this answer sheet when taking the exam.

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| Herod the Great | Battle of Milvian Bridge |
| Syncretism | Celibacy |
| Platonism | Anchorite |
| Didache | Anthony |
| Nero | Cenobitic |
| Policy of Trajan | Pachomius |
| Ignatius of Antioch | Abbot |
| Justin Martyr | Benedict of Nursia |
| Polycarp | Rule of Benedict |
| Tertullian | Cluny |
| Logos | Mendicants |
| Gnosticism | Francis of Assisi |
| Marcion | Donatists |
| The Apostles Creed | Arius |
| Canon | Eusebius of Nicomedia |
| Apostolic Succession | Nicene Creed |
| Clement of Alexandria | Athanasius |
| Origen of Alexandria | Council of Constantinople |
| Cyprian | Council of Chalcedon |
| Baptism | Nestorius |
| Catechism | Julian |
| Diocletian | Homoousios |
| Eusebius of Ceasarea | Homoiousios |
| Constantine | Monophysites |
| Edict of Milan | |