

EXAM THEMES

Creation

Be prepared to discuss the following in detail, describing the difficulties involved and the Catholic position.

Various historical understandings of the nature of the world

What the Bible says and does not say about creation

How creation out of nothing is a significant development in understanding the world

An overview of various Christian approaches, both patristic and medieval

An account of the Catholic understanding of (a) the human person, (b) evil, (c) contemporary scientific discoveries and their relationship to theological claims, (d) various spiritual theories and new age approaches

A summary of the current Catholic doctrine of creation in the light of *Laudato Si*

A Trinitarian account of creation