Discovering Origins: Unit 1 Exam Answer Key (72 points possible)

Note: It is highly recommended that students have access to their Bibles for this exam.

Vocabulary (2 points each):

Write the definition in your own words or the definition you remember from the material.

1. Apologetics means answering questions about why you believe the things you believe about the Bible.
2. A worldview is the way someone views the world, including how their thoughts and beliefs affect the way they do things.
3. Data is an uninterpreted collection of numbers, observations, measurements and similar facts.
4. Evidence is data that someone has already interpreted and believes supports a particular view.
5. Mutations are copying errors in DNA.

True / False (2 points each):

Circle **T** or **F**.
If it is true, give a one sentence response explaining why it is true.
If it is false, correct the statement to make it true.

1. T / (F) *Yom* always means an unspecified period of time.
   Yom can mean an unspecified period of time. However, if the word is used with a number (e.g., third) or the words "evening" or "morning," it means a literal 24-hour day. It can also mean the period of sunlight from dawn until dusk.
2. (T) / F Evolutionary theory teaches that death existed before humans.
   Death is a necessary component of the evolutionary process over billions of years, as life needs to "make way" for new life according to their worldview.
3. (T) / F Genesis teaches that death entered the world after sin.
   The Bible repeatedly states that death is the punishment for sin (Gen. 3:15, Rom. 6:23, 5:12).
4. T / (F) Creation, Evolution, and Theistic Evolution agree on the order of origins.
   Creation, Evolution, and Theistic Evolution have different orders of the origins of the earth and life.

5. (T) / F Observational science relies on consistent natural laws.
   Observational science must be observable, testable, and repeatable, and therefore relies on natural laws being consistent.

6. T / (F) Mutations are always harmful.
   Mutations are often harmful, but can also be neutral (benign), and occasionally "beneficial."

7. T / (F) The Intermittent Day Theory states that there was a gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.
   The Gap Theory states that there was a gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.

Multiple Choice (1 point each):

Choose the response that best answers the question.

1. Why do Creationists and Evolutionists have the same data?
   - A. They agree on interpretation
   - B. Data belongs to one worldview
   - C. Data only applies to fossils
   - (D.) The data is everything in the natural world
2. According to Genesis, what made humans different from the rest of creation?
   - A. Intelligence
   - B. Language
   - (C.) Being created in God's image
   - D. Opposable thumbs
3. According to evolutionary theory, where do intelligence and emotion come from?
   - A. Divine inspiration
   - B. Culture
   - (C.) A single mutation in DNA
   - D. Environmental pressure

4. Which theory teaches that Genesis “days” represent long periods of time?
    - (A.) Day-Age Theory
    - B. Intermittent Day Theory
    - C. Gap Theory
    - D. Analogical Day Theory
5. Which worldview holds that ultimate authority lies in the individual?
    - A. Biblical
    - (B.) Evolutionary
    - C. Hybrid
    - D. None
6. Which hybrid theory holds that Genesis’ days are symbolic, not literal?
    - A. Day-Age Theory
    - B. Intermittent Day Theory
    - C. Gap Theory
    - (D.) Analogical Day Theory
7. Which worldview believes that Scripture is selectively authoritative?
    - A. Biblical
    - B. Evolutionary
    - (C.) Hybrid
    - D. None

Comparison Chart (2 points per box)

Complete the chart below to explain the differences between the worldviews.

Category	**Biblical**	**Evolutionary**	**Hybrid**
Origin and Perspective of Humans	Created by God, in the image of God to have dominion over the rest of the earth; set apart	Part of the evolutionary tree, no different than any other animal	Common hybrid view: evolved from apes but received a special blessing/image/place from God
Death & Suffering	Direct consequence of man's sin which will be restored to perfection at the second coming of Christ	Part of the natural world; a necessary part of the evolutionary process	There are many mixed opinions on this, depending on which hybrid view the person believes. Accept answers that contain parts of both Biblical and Evolutionary perspectives
Ultimate Authority	God and His word, the Bible	Man himself – there is no higher power or authority – you can decide what is best and right for you	Ultimately, man himself can choose what parts of God and Scripture are worth following as their authority
View of Scripture	The Bible is inerrant – completely true from beginning to end – and no part can be added or removed	The Bible is an old religious text that is meaningless in modern society	The Bible holds the account of Jesus and has good morals, but there are many myths or allegories that cannot be taken seriously

Short Answer (3 points each):

Respond in 2-3 complete sentences.

1. How do the Dead Sea Scrolls support biblical reliability?

The Dead Sea Scrolls were written about two thousand years ago, and when they were discovered in the middle of the 20th century, they were found to match the Scripture that we have today with no meaningful differences. This shows us that God has preserved His word.

2. Why is Creation Apologetics important for Christians?

Creation apologetics is important for Christians because it is vital to know what you believe and why you believe it. 1 Peter 3:15 says to "always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is within you." Since the hope within us is our faith, we should be ready to answer questions about our faith, especially ones about the very foundations of our faith in Christ, which begins in Genesis.

3. How does believing Scripture is inerrant shape a person's worldview?

When a person believes Scripture is inerrant, he takes Scripture as the perfect Word of God. Accepting the truth, even when inconvenient or out of line with current cultural thought, means the person continually allows God to refine him putting him more and more in line with thoughts consistent with the truth.

Essay (10 points each):

Answer the following prompts in 1-2 complete paragraphs (*Remember*: a paragraph should have at least 4-6 complete sentences).

1. Why is death before sin (as necessary for evolution) a problem for the gospel? Reference Romans 5:12, Romans 5:18, and verses from Genesis 3, as well as using other Scriptural support.

When God created the world, He said it was "very good" (Gen. 1:31). After Adam and Eve sinned, God punishes them by introducing death into the world; both a "spiritual death" or separation from God, and physical death (Genesis 3). The New Testament also clearly teaches that death is the punishment for sin (Romans 6:23, Romans 5:12). Thorns and thistles were also not part of the original creation (Genesis 3:18). In contrast, evolution teaches that there were millions of years of death, disease, and suffering in the fossil record. The fossil record preserved a record of animals attacking and eating each other, cancer and other diseases in bones, and thorns and thistles, all before humans would have the chance to evolve (and sin) according to the evolutionary theory.

Not only is death before humans' sin (or even existence) a complete contradiction to the Bible, this idea also undermines Jesus' entire purpose. The first promise of the coming Messiah is right in Genesis 3:15; while punishing Adam and Eve for their sin, God also makes a promise that one of Adam and Eve's offspring will defeat Satan forever. Throughout the rest of the Bible, prophecies of Jesus first and second comings give humanity hope that He will restore all things, and that when all is completed, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more" (Revelation 21:4). Furthermore, Romans 5:18 states, "Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness [Jesus' obedience through His death and resurrection] leads to justification and life for all men." Jesus' purpose was to reverse the curse of sin and defeat death forever. If God used evolution to create the world, and death and thorns were in the world before Adam sinned, what is the punishment for sin? Why did Jesus have to die on the cross for our sin to defeat death forever? You see, if evolution were true, there would be no punishment for sin and there would be no purpose for Jesus' first and second comings.

2. Why can't Genesis and Evolution be easily blended?

Genesis and Evolution are two different worldviews that cannot be easily blended because they contradict each other. For example, Genesis 2:7 says that "God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." Evolution, however, states that humans evolved from ape-like creatures. Genesis also says that humans were made in the image of God to have dominion over the earth (Genesis 1:27-28). This is again in contradiction with the evolutionary worldview where humans evolved from ape-like creatures (which are not the image of God) and humans are regarded as another animal, not separate from them. Genesis 2:29-30 discusses the diet of both humans and animals as being "green plants," or in other words, vegetarian. As there are many examples of animals eating other animals frozen in the fossil record before humans existed according to the evolutionary worldview, evolution would contend that many animals have been carnivores or omnivores since the beginning of their existence.

Futhermore, Evolution and the Bible have two completely different orders of creation. The Bible states that God made the earth, then light and dark, then water, plants, and next the sun, solar system, and stars. Evolution, on the other hand, requires the stars and sun (and therefore light and dark) before the earth. Lastly and most importantly, there is the problem of death before sin, as death, thorns and thistles cannot be in the world before humans because these are the punishment for humans' sin.