



Question and Rubric Set 2 2017

Set Number: 2 History of the Christian Church

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Christian doctrines are often not formally articulated until challenged during times of stress, both civil and ecclesiastical.

Part A (about 700 words)

Choose one of the following documents. Identify an important Christian doctrine articulated in it, and explain the circumstances in Church and society at the time that resulted in the articulation of that doctrine.

1. The Nicene Creed (325; revised 381)
2. The Augsburg Confession (1530)
3. The Thirty-Nine Articles (1563)
4. *Pastor aeternus* of Vatican I (1870)
5. The Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral (1888)

Part B (about 300 words)

Explain how the chosen document and its implications are still important and possibly controversial today, especially in times of stress in the interaction between Christianity and civil society.

Rubric:

A Proficient answer must satisfy the requirements of all three criteria.

Criteria/Area	Proficient	Not Proficient
Identifies Doctrine	The answer identifies and accurately describes at least one important doctrine enunciated or addressed definitively in one of the five documents.	The answer does not identify an important doctrine, or the doctrine is not accurately described from one of the five documents.
Historical Context	The answer provides the relevant historical context that explains why the selected doctrine in the chosen document emerged at that point in history to address the issues.	The answer provides no relevant historical context or provides an insufficient, inaccurate or irrelevant account to explain why the selected doctrine in the chosen document emerged at that point in history to address the issues.
Contemporary Application	The answer explains why and how the document is still relevant and/or controversial today; and provides evidence of this from situations and issues.	The answer gives an incomplete or unconvincing explanation of why and how the document is still relevant and/or controversial today and/or evidence of this from the contemporary scene is missing, weak or irrelevant.

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