

Candidate 14 – Origins (Question 1)

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1.	<p>Whilst science offers an explanation for the beginning of life, religious explanations argue that life was created by God. I will look at both sides of the argument however ultimately I believe that science and religion are compatible and whilst science answers the how questions therefore, religion answers the why questions. How did life come about? Through the process of evolution, why did life come about? Because God wanted it to.</p>	E
	<p>The theory of evolution by Charles Darwin explains tries to explain the origins of life. Darwin theorised that life began and continues to change through a process of evolution. This means that</p>	

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	Species continue to adapt to their ever changing environment and then pass on these evolved genes to the next generation and thus the species continue to adapt in order to survive and life continues.	K
	However, Darwin argues that it is not the strongest of the species who survive, but those who adapt the best and evolve more to outstand ^{adapt in} and survive in their communities who will survive.	K
	For example, birds beaks have adapted depending on the foods available to them in their habitat. I think the scientific explanation of the origin of life is trustworthy as it is based on the scientific method of observation, hypothesis and evidence and I agree with Isaac Asimov who states that 'I'll believe in anything no matter how	K

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	wild if there is evidence for it. However,	
	the more wild the theory, the more	
	solid evidence will have to be. [✓] Therefore,	K
	I believe in the scientific method	
	scientific explanation of the origin	
	of life as there is evidence for it.	
	even in human beings. [✓] Our appendix	
	is no longer needed as we have a	E
	very different diet now than our	
	ancestors did and we can now have	
	our appendix removed without any	
	cause (harm or effect) on us as	
	humans as we no longer need it. [✓]	K
	However, I also agree with Albert	
	Einstein who stated that, 'Science	
	without religion is lame, religion without	
	science is blind'. [✓] The theory of	K
	evolution gives human beings no	
	meaning or value or life and thus	

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religious people look to God and the Bible to explain the origins of life ✓

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Literalist Christians would argue that the Bible is the inerrant word of God and as it does not mention ✓

evolution, it simply did not happen. Literal

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Christians believe that Bible in a

literal way in that, 'God created the

Man (Adam) in his own image and

then from dirt and *then put

adam to sleep, removed ^{one of} his ribs and

created Eve woman (Eve). * However, as

liberal Christians would interpret the

Bible in a symbolist way and believe

that when God says to create the

Bible says 'God created the world in 6 days

* thus God clearly created life in the beginning in the eyes of
some Christians. ✓

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* breathed a breathe of fresh air into his lungs ✓

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and rested on the 7th, these are not

The strict 24^h hour day periods

that we have now but could simply

have been thousands of years before

the next stage of creation begins

and thus evolution makes sense. ^{* page 7} However,

literal Christians would believe the

Bible literally and as they view the

creation story as 6 24 hour periods,

they do not believe in evolution and

disregard the scientific theory.

* page 9

I believe that science and religion

are fully compatible and argue that

whilst science explains ~~why~~ how the

origins of life began - evolution,

both the religious theory and the Bible

explains why life came about - because

God wanted it to.

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* 'To God a thousand years is like a day,
and a day a thousand years' 2 Peter 3
verse 8, ✓

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This quotation from the Bible supports
the symbolic Christian viewpoint that
the Bible is a way of explaining the
unexplainable and should not be taken
so literally. ✓

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* Isaac Asimov is stating that the scientific
method is so evolved to be valid that
as long as there is evidence for
something, he will believe it.

ENTER NUMBER OF QUESTION	In conclusion I believe	DO NOT WRITE IN THIS MARGIN
	<p>Religion and science are compatible and that God was ultimately the divine hand that the scientific theory cannot necessarily explain but I believe that God is the reason evolution took place and therefore although evolution is undeniably true, it was God that created this original life which has ultimately evolved into what it has today. I believe that religion and the Bible in particular is a piece of writing which attempts to explain the unexplainable however for a literal Christian who is unsure of believes that God is solely the creator of life, they must stick to their faith as the Bible has no mention of evolution and and and thus it is understood why</p>	E

