QUIZ on “God, the First Cause of All Things”, St. Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologica, I, QQ 44-45

I. Indicate whether the following are TRUE or FALSE:

1. The variety in creatures is a reflection of different participation in the perfections of God.
2. Whatever is greatest in being is the cause of every being.
3. God is not the exemplar cause of all creatures.
4. God foresaw all creatures from eternity.
5. God intended to create from all eternity.
6. To create is to make something out of nothing.
7. God is the universal cause of all things.
8. God changes when He creates.
9. God does not change when He creates.
10. No one but God can create.
11. God creates only the substance of things, but not their accidental properties.
12. All creatures that God wants to exist, have already been created.
13. God has created from all eternity.
14. God does not create material things.
15. Spiritual creatures, like the soul, are not created; they evolve from matter.

II. MATCH the terms in the following columns:

16. Creation 16. Still being created
17. God 17. Efficient cause of the world
18. Spirit 18. Uncaused cause
19. Matter 19. Production out of nothing
20. Mind of God 20. Perceptible by the senses
22. Angels 22. Began with creation
23. Souls 23. Created before the visible world
24. Will of God 24. Composed of body and soul
25. Human Beings 25. Composed of mind and will