

Intro to Existentialism

Philosophy · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Who is widely considered to be the first existentialist philosopher?

- A) Søren Kierkegaard**
- B) Isaac Newton
- C) Thomas Edison
- D) William Shakespeare

2. In which country did existentialism become a major cultural movement during the 1940s?

- A) Mexico
- B) France**
- C) Australia
- D) Canada

3. Which famous existentialist wrote the book 'Being and Nothingness'?

- A) Jean-Paul Sartre**
- B) Walt Disney
- C) Charles Darwin
- D) Mark Twain

4. What is the main idea behind the existentialist phrase 'Existence precedes essence'?

- A) People are born with a set job
- B) Computers are smarter than humans
- C) People define themselves through their own actions**
- D) The sun revolves around the earth

5. Which author wrote 'The Myth of Sisyphus', comparing life to a man rolling a boulder up a hill?

- A) Albert Camus**
- B) Lewis Carroll
- C) Hans Christian Andersen
- D) J.R.R. Tolkien

6. Which leading existentialist philosopher wrote the influential book 'The Second Sex'?

- A) Marie Curie
- B) Simone de Beauvoir**
- C) Florence Nightingale
- D) Mother Teresa

7. In 1964, what did Jean-Paul Sartre do regarding the Nobel Prize in Literature?

- A) He gave it to a friend
- B) He sold it at an auction
- C) He refused to accept it**
- D) He asked for two prizes

8. What language did famous philosophers like Sartre and Camus primarily use for their work?

- A) German
- B) English
- C) French**
- D) Italian