

Existentialism: Key Figures and Dates

Existentialism · Answer Key · 22 Questions

1. Which Danish philosopher, often considered the "father of existentialism," published 'Fear and Trembling' in 1843?

- A) Friedrich Nietzsche
- B) Søren Kierkegaard**
- C) Jean-Paul Sartre
- D) Albert Camus

2. In what year was Jean-Paul Sartre's seminal work, 'Being and Nothingness,' first published?

- A) 1941
- B) 1943**
- C) 1945
- D) 1947

3. Albert Camus, a Nobel Prize laureate often associated with existentialism, published 'The Myth of Sisyphus' in what year?

- A) 1938
- B) 1940
- C) 1942**
- D) 1944

4. Martin Heidegger's magnum opus, 'Being and Time,' was initially published in parts, with the first part appearing in 1927.

- A) True**
- B) False
- C) Partially true, it was published in 1928
- D) Partially true, only the introduction was published in 1927

5. Simone de Beauvoir, a key figure in existentialist thought and feminism, published 'The Second Sex' in which year?

- A) 1947
- B) 1949**
- C) 1951
- D) 1953

6. Karl Jaspers, a German psychiatrist and philosopher, published 'Psychology of Worldviews' in 1919, a work influential to existentialism.

A) True

B) False

C) Only a preliminary essay was published in 1919

D) False, it was published in 1922

7. Friedrich Nietzsche's concept of the 'Übermensch' (Overman) is famously discussed in which 1883 work?

A) Thus Spoke Zarathustra

B) The Gay Science

C) Beyond Good and Evil

D) The Will to Power

8. Gabriel Marcel, a French philosopher and playwright known for his Christian existentialism, published 'Being and Having' in what year?

A) 1933

B) 1935

C) 1937

D) 1939

9. The philosopher Fyodor Dostoevsky, whose novels explored existential themes, published 'Notes from Underground' in 1864.

A) True

B) False

C) Published in 1860

D) Published in 1866

10. Maurice Merleau-Ponty, a French phenomenologist whose work intersects with existentialism, published 'Phenomenology of Perception' in 1945.

A) True

B) False

C) Published in 1944

D) Published in 1946

11. The existentialist philosopher Miguel de Unamuno, from Spain, published 'The Tragic Sense of Life' in 1913.

A) True

B) False

C) Published in 1912

D) Published in 1914

12. In what year did Jean-Paul Sartre famously deliver his lecture 'Existentialism Is a Humanism'?

- A) 1945**
- B) 1946
- C) 1947
- D) 1948

13. Knut Hamsun, a Norwegian author whose works influenced existentialist writers, won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1920.

- A) True**
- B) False
- C) Won in 1918
- D) Won in 1922

14. The German existentialist philosopher Max Scheler published 'The Nature of Sympathy' in 1913.

- A) True**
- B) False
- C) Published in 1912
- D) Published in 1914

15. Albert Camus was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1957.

- A) True**
- B) False
- C) Awarded in 1956
- D) Awarded in 1958

16. Which of these prominent existentialist figures was born in the year 1889?

- A) Martin Heidegger
- B) Jean-Paul Sartre**
- C) Albert Camus
- D) Maurice Merleau-Ponty

17. Søren Kierkegaard died in 1855.

- A) True**
- B) False
- C) Died in 1854
- D) Died in 1856

18. The publication year for Søren Kierkegaard's 'The Sickness Unto Death' is 1849.

A) True

B) False

C) Published in 1848

D) Published in 1850

19. Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir founded the journal 'Les Temps Modernes' in 1945.

A) True

B) False

C) Founded in 1944

D) Founded in 1946

20. Friedrich Nietzsche's book 'Thus Spoke Zarathustra' was published in four parts between 1883 and 1885.

A) True

B) False

C) Published in three parts

D) Published between 1881 and 1883

21. In what year did Martin Heidegger publish 'Introduction to Metaphysics'?

A) 1935

B) 1937

C) 1939

D) 1941

22. Simone de Beauvoir's early novel 'L'Invitée' (The Invitee) was published in 1943.

A) True

B) False

C) Published in 1942

D) Published in 1944