

Pioneers and Milestones in Philosophy

History Of Philosophy · Practice Test · 8 Questions

1. Who is historically credited as the first Western philosopher for predicting a solar eclipse in 585 BCE?

- A) Thales of Miletus
- B) Anaximander
- C) Heraclitus
- D) Pythagoras

2. Which philosopher is recognized for inventing the 'Socratic Method,' an educational technique of questioning to stimulate critical thinking?

- A) Plato
- B) Socrates
- C) Aristotle
- D) Epicurus

3. What was the name of the first institution of higher learning in the Western world, founded by Plato in Athens around 387 BCE?

- A) The Lyceum
- B) The Stoa
- C) The Academy
- D) The Museum

4. Which philosopher is credited with creating the first formal system of deductive logic, known as the syllogism?

- A) Aristotle
- B) Zeno of Elea
- C) Parmenides
- D) Democritus

5. Who is considered the first modern philosopher to explicitly use the 'method of doubt' to establish a foundation for knowledge?

- A) John Locke
- B) David Hume
- C) René Descartes
- D) Baruch Spinoza

6. Which pre-Socratic philosopher is famously associated with the first atomic theory, proposing that the universe consists of indivisible particles?

- A) Empedocles
- B) Anaxagoras
- C) Democritus
- D) Protagoras

7. Who wrote 'Principia Mathematica' (1910), a landmark work that attempted to derive all of mathematics from pure logical principles?

- A) Bertrand Russell and Alfred North Whitehead
- B) Gottlob Frege and Ludwig Wittgenstein
- C) Gottfried Leibniz and Kurt Gödel
- D) George Boole and Alan Turing

8. Which work is widely regarded as the first systematic treatise on political philosophy in the Western tradition?

- A) The Republic by Plato
- B) Politics by Aristotle
- C) The Prince by Machiavelli
- D) Leviathan by Thomas Hobbes