

Occultism & Esoterica Fundamentals

Occult History · Practice Test · 10 Questions

1. Which Renaissance philosopher is credited with translating the 'Corpus Hermeticum', a collection of texts that significantly influenced Western occultism?

- A) Marsilio Ficino
- B) Giovanni Pico della Mirandola
- C) Giordano Bruno
- D) Heinrich Cornelius Agrippa

2. The 'Tree of Life' is a central diagram in which major branch of Jewish mysticism?

- A) Sufism
- B) Kabbalah
- C) Gnosticism
- D) Alchemy

3. Which historical figure, often associated with alchemy, is credited with writing the 'Emerald Tablet'?

- A) Paracelsus
- B) John Dee
- C) Hermes Trismegistus
- D) Isaac Newton

4. In the context of the Rider-Waite-Smith tarot deck, which suit is traditionally associated with the element of Water?

- A) Wands
- B) Pentacles
- C) Swords
- D) Cups

5. The concept of 'As above, so below' is derived from which esoteric philosophical tradition?

- A) Hermeticism
- B) Rosicrucianism
- C) Theosophy
- D) Freemasonry

6. What is the primary objective historically sought by alchemists in their study of transmutation?

- A) Creating eternal life
- B) Transmuting base metals into gold
- C) Communicating with the dead
- D) Mapping the stars

7. Which famous 17th-century scientist and occultist owned a significant collection of books on alchemy and hermeticism?

- A) Galileo Galilei
- B) Johannes Kepler
- C) Isaac Newton
- D) René Descartes

8. The term 'Theosophy' was popularized in the late 19th century by which co-founder of the Theosophical Society?

- A) Aleister Crowley
- B) Helena Blavatsky
- C) Eliphas Levi
- D) Rudolf Steiner

9. In traditional occult symbolism, what does the 'Ouroboros'--a serpent eating its own tail--typically represent?

- A) The cycle of destruction
- B) Infinite growth and rebirth
- C) The deception of knowledge
- D) The barrier between worlds

10. Which ancient Greek school of thought, founded by a mathematician, believed in the transmigration of souls and the mystical significance of numbers?

- A) Platonism
- B) Stoicism
- C) Pythagoreanism
- D) Epicureanism