

Introduction to Parapsychology

Parapsychology · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What is the primary focus of parapsychology?

- A) The study of conventional psychological phenomena like memory and emotion.
- B) The investigation of purported psychic abilities and paranormal phenomena.**
- C) The analysis of social behaviours and group dynamics.
- D) The examination of brain structure and function.

2. Which of the following is a commonly studied area within parapsychology?

- A) Genetics and heredity.
- B) Astrophysics and cosmology.
- C) Telepathy and precognition.**
- D) Geology and seismology.

3. The term 'psi' in parapsychology refers to:

- A) A statistical method for analyzing data.
- B) A measure of brain activity.
- C) An unknown or unexplained factor in psychic phenomena.**
- D) A type of psychological disorder.

4. What is telekinesis, a phenomenon sometimes explored in parapsychology?

- A) The ability to read someone's thoughts.
- B) The ability to communicate with spirits.
- C) The alleged ability to influence objects with the mind.**
- D) The ability to see future events.

5. Which of these is NOT typically considered a core area of parapsychological research?

- A) Remote viewing.
- B) Hypnosis.**
- C) Psychokinesis.
- D) Near-death experiences.

6. The study of alleged psychic abilities involving extrasensory perception is often abbreviated as:

- A) PK
- B) ESP**
- C) REM
- D) DNA

7. Parapsychology is often considered a pseudoscience by the mainstream scientific community because:

- A) Its findings are always easily replicable.
- B) It consistently produces statistically significant results under controlled conditions.
- C) Its claims are often difficult to test and verify using the scientific method.**
- D) It relies solely on anecdotal evidence.

8. What is precognition?

- A) The ability to recall past events with perfect accuracy.
- B) The ability to influence the outcome of future events.
- C) The ability to know or perceive future events.**
- D) The ability to communicate with animals.

9. Which of the following is an example of alleged psychokinesis (PK)?

- A) Dreaming of a specific event before it happens.
- B) Feeling a strong emotional connection to a distant friend.
- C) Allegedly bending a spoon using only mental effort.**
- D) Experiencing a vivid memory of a past life.

10. The Society for Psychical Research, founded in 1882, was one of the earliest organizations dedicated to the scientific study of:

- A) Animal behaviour.
- B) Astronomical phenomena.
- C) Paranormal experiences.**
- D) Human anatomy.