

Historical Milestones in Parapsychology

Parapsychology · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which university established the first endowed chair in parapsychology in the United States in 1930?

- A) Harvard University
- B) Duke University**
- C) Stanford University
- D) Yale University

2. Who is considered the founder of the Duke Parapsychology Laboratory, where he coined the term 'extrasensory perception' (ESP)?

- A) J.B. Rhine**
- B) William James
- C) Frederic Myers
- D) Hans Bender

3. The Society for Psychical Research (SPR), which aimed to investigate claims of telepathy and mediumship, was founded in which city in 1882?

- A) New York
- B) Paris
- C) London**
- D) Vienna

4. What was the primary focus of the U.S. government-funded 'Stargate Project' active from the 1970s to 1995?

- A) Telekinesis testing
- B) Remote viewing**
- C) Near-death experiences
- D) Poltergeist documentation

5. In 1969, which major scientific organization admitted the Parapsychological Association as an affiliated member?

- A) The Royal Society
- B) The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)**
- C) The National Academy of Sciences
- D) The World Health Organization

6. What device did J.B. Rhine utilize in his early experiments at Duke to test for clairvoyance and telepathy?

A) Rorschach cards

B) Zener cards

C) Tarot cards

D) Playing cards

7. Which famous magician was a prominent skeptic who frequently debunked the claims of psychics and mediums in the 20th century?

A) Harry Houdini

B) David Copperfield

C) Penn Jillette

D) Criss Angel

8. The 'Ganzfeld experiment' is a technique used in parapsychology to test for what phenomenon?

A) Precognition

B) Psychokinesis

C) Telepathy

D) Apparitions

9. Who was the author of the 1886 seminal two-volume work 'Phantasms of the Living', which collected case studies of telepathic impressions?

A) Edmund Gurney

B) Carl Jung

C) Sigmund Freud

D) William McDougall

10. Which research institute in Freiburg, Germany, has been a leading center for parapsychological research since its founding in 1950?

A) Max Planck Institute

B) Institut für Grenzgebiete der Psychologie und Psychohygiene (IGPP)

C) Heidelberg University

D) Berlin Psychical Research Center

11. The 'Stanford Research Institute' (SRI) conducted research into remote viewing in the 1970s under the sponsorship of which agency?

A) NASA

B) CIA

C) FBI

D) Department of Energy

12. What is the 'Sheep-Goat Effect' in parapsychological research?

- A) A study on animal behavior
- B) The correlation between belief in psi and experimental results**
- C) The difference between auditory and visual testing
- D) A method of hypnotizing subjects

13. Which psychologist and philosopher, a founding member of the SPR, published 'The Varieties of Religious Experience'?

- A) William James**
- B) John Dewey
- C) B.F. Skinner
- D) Abraham Maslow

14. In 1917, what famous 'case' involving young girls and paper cut-outs fooled prominent figures including Arthur Conan Doyle?

- A) The Amityville Horror
- B) The Cottingley Fairies**
- C) The Enfield Poltergeist
- D) The Borley Rectory Haunting

15. What phenomenon is defined in parapsychology as the movement of objects by non-physical means?

- A) Clairvoyance
- B) Telepathy
- C) Psychokinesis**
- D) Automatic writing

16. Which British researcher is noted for his critical studies on the 'Sheep-Goat effect' and his meta-analyses of Ganzfeld studies?

- A) Chris Carter
- B) Richard Wiseman**
- C) Dean Radin
- D) Rupert Sheldrake

17. What was the 'Harvard-Princeton football study' (1951) significant for in the context of psychological and social research?

- A) It proved ESP existed
- B) It demonstrated how 'selective perception' influences memory**
- C) It tested the effects of telepathy on athletes
- D) It measured reaction times to psychic stimuli

18. The 1974 'Maimonides Dream Laboratory' study investigated the possibility of what?

A) Telepathic communication during sleep

B) Out-of-body experiences

C) Precognition through REM sleep

D) Mediumship in a trance state